

RESOLUTION NO. 311-2021, ESTABLISHING A PILOT BEACH CLEANUP PROGRAM AND ACCEPTING DONATION OF BEACH CLEANUP STATIONS FROM RELIC SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, Suffolk County owns and operates a vast network of parks and beaches where residents and visitors engage in active and passive outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, beach trash that travels into the ocean kills more than one million seabirds and one hundred thousand marine mammals and turtles each year through ingestion and entanglement; and

WHEREAS, other municipalities have developed successful beach cleanup programs and have provided clean up stations and baskets for beachgoers to collect and dispose of trash they find during their visit to the beach; and

WHEREAS, there are nine County park locations identified where such a program would benefit the public and environment including Smith Point County Park in Shirley, Cupsogue Beach County Park in Westhampton, Meschutt Beach County Park in Hampton Bays, Orient Point County Park in Orient, Cedar Point County Park in East Hampton, Cordwood Landing County Park in Miller Place, Indian Island County Park in Riverhead, Shinnecock East County Park in Southampton and Montauk County Park in Montauk; and

WHEREAS, RELIC Sustainability is a not-for-profit agency whose mission is to bridge the gap between those interested in preserving our oceans and local organizations on the ground providing the labor needed to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, RELIC Sustainability is willing to provide and donate to the County weather durable cleanup stations and baskets for the nine identified locations; and

WHEREAS, by establishing a pilot beach cleanup program, accepting the donation of the beach cleanup stations from RELIC Sustainability and making them available to the public, residents can help to reduce beach trash and to keep beaches clean and safe for visitors and future generations; and

WHEREAS, accepting the donations of these clean-up stations and baskets from RELIC Sustainability is in the best interests of Suffolk County and County parks visitors; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish a pilot beach clean-up program by providing beach clean-up stations and baskets at Smith Point County Park in Shirley, Cupsogue Beach County Park in Westhampton, Meschutt Beach County Park in Hampton Bays, Orient Point County Park in Orient, Cedar Point County Park in East Hampton, Cordwood Landing County Park in Miller Place, Indian Island County Park in Riverhead, Shinnecock East County Park in Southampton and Montauk County Park in Montauk; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the County of Suffolk, in accordance with §A3-10 of the SUFFOLKCOUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, hereby accepts the donation of the clean-up stations and baskets from RELIC Sustainability for installation at the nine designated locations; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109 (2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: May 11, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 19, 2021