

Intro. Res. No. 1377-2021

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Introduced by Presiding Officer Calarco and Legislators Mazzarella, Anker, Fleming, Gonzalez, McCaffrey, Richberg, Berland, Spencer

RESOLUTION NO. 492-2021, DESIGNATING THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN JUNE AS "ELECTION WORKER APPRECIATION DAY" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the United States Election Assistance Commission first established "National Election Worker Appreciation Week" in November 2004 in recognition of the work of approximately 1,000,000 persons that would serve in that year's presidential election; and

WHEREAS, election workers provide an invaluable function to our country and are one of this County's most valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, election workers are truly the unsung heroes of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, elections are the foundation of our democracy and election officials work tirelessly to protect this critical infrastructure while maintaining public confidence in the outcome of our electoral process; and

WHEREAS, a large pool of new election workers answered the call to volunteer for the November 2020 election due to the risk that COVID-19 presented for the typically "more experienced" election worker population; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional complexities in the administration of elections, requiring officials to conduct accurate and timely elections while protecting the safety of election workers and the voting public; and

WHEREAS, election officials and workers have met the challenges presented by a global pandemic during a presidential election; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate the fourth Tuesday in June as "Election Worker Appreciation Day" to urge the residents of the County to demonstrate their gratitude for the County's election officials and workers; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that June 22, 2021 is hereby designated as "Election Worker Appreciation Day" in Suffolk County in recognition of the significant contributions that election officials and workers have made to the residents of Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that beginning in 2022 and continuing every year thereafter the fourth Tuesday in June shall be designated as "Election Worker Appreciation Day" in Suffolk County to extend our appreciation and admiration of the County election officials and workers and the vital service that they perform in conducting the County's elections; 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)(26) and (33) 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 insofar as these actions constitute routine or

continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, 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: June 8, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 15, 2021