

Intro. Res. No. 1408-2021

Laid on Table 5/11/2021

Introduced by Legislators Caracappa, Cilmi, Kennedy, Donnelly, Krupski, Piccirillo, Fleming, Mazarella, Calarco, Gonzalez, Flotteron, Trotta, McCaffrey, Richberg, Berland and Spencer

**RESOLUTION NO. 521-2021, RENAMING FARMINGVILLE
HILLS COUNTY PARK IN HONOR OF COUNTY LEGISLATOR
THOMAS MURATORE**

WHEREAS, Thomas Muratore was serving as a County Legislator representing the 4th Legislative District when he passed away on September 8, 2020, leaving behind a distinguished career of public service both in the Suffolk County Police Department and in local government; and

WHEREAS, prior to his 2009 election as a County Legislator, Mr. Muratore served as a Suffolk County police officer for nearly 35 years, working as a patrolman and then an instructor at the police academy before moving on to the Police Benevolent Association, where he served as Vice President for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a County Legislator, Legislator Muratore secured land for parks, fought illegal dumping, regulated drone use and worked to help his constituents deal with bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Muratore also established an energy utility oversight task force, sponsored legislation to provide parking for veterans at County facilities, secured funding for road improvements and increased awareness about bus safety; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Muratore was instrumental in helping to secure a 23-acre parcel on Boyle Road in Selden which was later developed into a Town of Brookhaven ballfield, park and walking trail called the Selden Park Complex; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Muratore served his constituents with passion and an unwavering dedication; during the COVID crisis, he was there for his constituents in every way – even if it meant putting himself at risk; and

WHEREAS, it would be fitting to name Farmingville Hills County Park in honor of Thomas Muratore to acknowledge his contributions to Suffolk County as someone who dedicated his entire life to public service and reached across the aisle to better the lives of County residents, especially when it came to working together to protect families, our veterans and our quality of life; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 215(1) of NEW YORK COUNTY LAW, Farmingville Hills County Park is hereby designated and renamed “Thomas Muratore County Park”; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate this naming; 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 22, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: July 9, 2021