

Intro. Res. No. 1825-2021

Laid on Table 10/5/2021

Introduced by Legislators Caracappa, Fleming, Anker, Piccirillo, Gonzalez, Kennedy, Donnelly, Mazarella, Hahn, Flotteron, Richberg, Berland and Spencer

**RESOLUTION NO. 950-2021, DESIGNATING MARCH 13TH
AS "K9 VETERANS DAY" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, since March 13, 1942, when the United States Army began training dogs for the newly established War Dog Program, or "K-9 Corps", these dogs have become a critical part of the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, these dogs now carry out an expanded variety of tasks and numerous functions including, but not limited to, search, rescue, explosive detection, scout, patrol and enemy subdue; and

WHEREAS, since first becoming part of the military service these dogs have worked daily with their handlers to serve and protect Americans and the homeland; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate March 13th as "K9 Veterans Day" to recognize and celebrate, the valuable services and contributions that these K9 heroes have made in Suffolk County; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2022 and continuing every year thereafter March 13th shall be designated as "K9 Veterans Day" in Suffolk County to honor the dedication and accomplishments of canine veterans; and be it further

2nd 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: November 16, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: November 23, 2021