

**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN PARKLANDS LANDS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES (SENATE BILL S8750 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A9798)**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County is the owner in fee of certain property at various County parks located in the Town of Brookhaven and designated on the Suffolk County Tax Map as: Southaven County Park 0200-745.00-01.00-001.000; Smith Point County Marina 0200-984.40-04.00-076.000, 0200-984.40-04.00-077.000, 0200-984.40-04.00-078.000, 0200-985.10-01.00-002.000, 0200-985.10-01.00-004.000; and Smith Point County Park 0200-987.90-01.00-001.000 and 0200-988.10-01.00-001.000 (collectively the "County Park"), which are dedicated as parkland and are available to all County residents for active and passive recreational purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunrise Wind, LLC, in partnership with New York State, is in the process of developing a project that will bring electric power generated offshore by wind turbines (the "Project"), benefitting over 600,000 homes with electrical power, as well as providing numerous economic benefits throughout Suffolk County and which project is subject to the jurisdiction and approval of the New York State Public Service Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunrise Wind, LLC has expressed interest, and the County of Suffolk is in the process of negotiating a license agreement with Sunrise Wind, LLC, that will allow Sunrise Wind, LLC to bring its transmission lines ashore at Smith Point Park, and proceeding underground on the County Park to points necessary in order connect into the electric power grid, at minimal or no disruption to parks users; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to proceed with the transaction and the use of the County Park for this purpose, the County must seek the permission of the New York State Legislature, as the proposal seeks to provide a long-term License Agreement of parkland owned by a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County must obtain State authorization for the discontinuance of the use and transfer of parkland; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Senate Bill No. S.8750 and Assembly Bill No. A9798 to authorize the County of Suffolk to discontinue the use of the property, as described therein upon condition that the County of Suffolk satisfy any requirements or conditions of the federal government in the event such parklands received any federal funding or assistance for the purchase, maintenance or improvement thereof, as described therein; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the license agreement to use the County Park or any conveyance of the County's property, shall be subject to the further approval of this Legislature; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>**            **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathleen Hochul; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Hon. Carl E. Heastie; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

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