

RESOLUTION NO. 433-2022, DIRECTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A COUNTYWIDE MOBILE APP TO PROVIDE INCREASED ACCESS TO VITAL SERVICES AND RESOURCES

WHEREAS, a mobile app or application is a computer program or software application designed to be downloaded to run on a user's mobile device, such as a phone, tablet or watch, and is therefore ideal for frequent and repeated use; and

WHEREAS, 65% of our population owns a smartphone and 100% of phones will be smart phones in a few years; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and has a wealth of information, resources and services available to its residents in need; and

WHEREAS, the availability of a mobile app would enable these residents' easier access and increased communication with county offices, resources and services with links to the services and resources the County provides in one central area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Information Technology should work to examine the feasibility of creating, developing, launching, utilizing and maintaining a County mobile app to provide better access to those in need of permanent housing, DSS benefits, HEAP resources, employment opportunities, senior resources, parks information and other related services and resources; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Information Technology is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to study the feasibility of the creation, development, launch and maintenance of a County mobile app to provide better access to those in need of information and services from resources such as permanent housing, DSS benefits, HEAP resources, employment opportunities, senior resources, parks information and other related services and resources; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Information Technology shall examine the costs and feasibility associated with the creation, development, launch and maintenance of a County mobile app to determine if such a device would be appropriate; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that a written report containing the findings of this study and approved by the Department of Information Technology shall be delivered to the County Executive and Clerk of the Legislature and to each member of the County Legislature within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

4th 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 7, 2022

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 21, 2022