

HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO AUTHORIZE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN UNDERWATER LANDS OF JAMES CREEK IN MATTITUCK TO THE TOWN OF SOUTHOLD FOR CONTINUED MANAGEMENT IN ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES (SENATE BILL NO. S.7739B AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A.9334B)

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk owns and maintains underwater property of James Creek in the Town of Southold; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southold has requested the County of Suffolk to transfer said underwater properties to the Town for management and administration of the land in accordance with the Southold Board of Trustees administration of all activity within 100 feet of wetlands and the underwater lands owned by the Trustees, for the public and for continued use for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, such a transfer will be advantageous to the County of Suffolk because the Town of Southold already exercises regulatory duties over certain wetlands and underwater lands relating to James Creek and is best positioned, and has the necessary resources, to manage and administer the underwater lands and associated activities; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County must obtain State authorization to discontinue its use as County parkland and to convey its interest in the Creek to the Town of Southold; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Senate Bill No. S.7739B and Assembly Bill No. A.9334B, to authorize the County of Suffolk to discontinue the use of a parcels as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and to convey its interests in said property to the Town of Southold, for use by the Town of Southold for management and continued use for recreational purposes by the public; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate Andrea Stewart-Cousins; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly 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.

DATED: May 17, 2022