

**RESOLUTION NO. 672-2022, DECLARING NOVEMBER AS
“DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH” IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high; and

WHEREAS, blood glucose is vital to your health because it’s an important source of energy for the cells that make up your muscles and tissues as well as your brain’s main source of fuel; and

WHEREAS, diabetes can affect individuals of any age, gender or background depending on risk factors, which can include a combination of genetics and lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled diabetes puts individuals at risk for serious complications, including cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney disease and dialysis, nerve damage and amputation; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of diabetes include increased thirst, frequent urination, extreme hunger, unexplained weight loss, blurry vision, numbness or tingling of hands and feet, and slow-healing sores; and

WHEREAS, those diagnosed with diabetes can live a normal life by making small, healthy lifestyle changes, including working with your medical health professional to manage your blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol levels as well as maintaining a healthy diet by avoiding foods that are high in sugar and fat; and

WHEREAS, that the County of Suffolk wishes to designate the month of November as “Diabetes Awareness Month” to focus on all forms of this dangerous condition, including Type I and Type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes and prediabetes, and a commitment to finding a cure; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2022 and continuing every year thereafter the month of November shall be designated as “Diabetes Awareness Month” in Suffolk County to raise awareness of this chronic disease, by providing a support system for those who are living with diabetes. This awareness can help highlight the fact that a wide range of ages, races and lifestyles are affected with this dangerous disease; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, pursuant to Section C8-2(W) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER to illuminate the north side of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building facing Veterans Memorial Highway with a blue glow on the evening of November 14th beginning in 2022 and continuing every year thereafter; 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: September 7, 2022

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 14, 2022