

**RESOLUTION NO. 719-2022, DESIGNATING JULY 20TH AS
“COLOMBIAN-AMERICAN APPRECIATION DAY” IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, throughout the history of America, persons of Colombian ancestry have made and continue to make contributions and sacrifices to the development, leadership and culture of America, a few examples of which are:

Gabriel Garcia Marquez - Nobel Prize Winner in Literature;
Radamel Falcao – First Colombian Soccer Player to receive
Portuguese Golden Ball Award;
Sofia Vergara – Actress, 4x Golden Globe Award Nominee;
James Rodriguez – Soccer Player, 2014 Golden Boot Winner;
Juan Pablo Montoya – Racecar Driver, 2x Indy 500 Champion;
John Leguizamo – Actor, Golden Globe Award Nominee;
Shakira – Singer/Songwriter, 3x Grammy Award Winner;
Virginia Vallejo – Author/Journalist;
Fernando Botero – Painter/Sculptor/Artist;
Diana Turbay – Journalist;
Nina Garcia – Fashion Journalist;
Gio Urshela – Baseball Player;
Juan Carlos Osorio – Soccer manager, former soccer player; and
Julio Teheran – Baseball Player;

and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to honor and celebrate all persons of Colombian ancestry and the long history of contributions by Colombian persons to America by designating every July 20th starting in 2023 as “Colombian- American Appreciation Day”; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that beginning in 2023 and continuing every year thereafter July 20th shall be designated as “Colombian-American Appreciation Day” in Suffolk County; 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 yellow glow on the evening of July 20th beginning in 2023 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