

**RESOLUTION NO. 349 -2005, PROMOTING THE PRESERVATION OF SUFFOLK'S ENVIRONMENT BY PURCHASING "GREEN" POWER**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk has historically been a nationwide leader in the preservation of environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this leadership has resulted in the preservation of more open space and farmland than most states; and

**WHEREAS**, most recently the County has continued its leadership by instituting a "Green Clean" Program for safer County buildings, a LEED Pilot Program for more environmentally friendly County construction and a bio-diesel pilot program for cleaner air; and

**WHEREAS**, power generation from polluting non-renewable resources, such as oil and coal, results in serious human impairments, negative impacts on wildlife, plants, and the natural environment, and has become a factor in conflicts over the world's dwindling non-renewable resources; and

**WHEREAS**, energy conservation has not fulfilled its promise to reduce the serious negative impacts caused by fossil fuels used for energy generation; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of clean renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, ocean, geothermal and hydro, has many benefits; minimal environmental impacts; increased income for local producers of such energy sources and dramatic air quality improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk wishes to exercise leadership in this most important environmental effort; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that it shall be the policy of the County of Suffolk to improve environmental quality and redirect energy policy, promote energy efficiency, clean energy production and clean renewable energy markets; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed pursuant to Section C8-2(W) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to purchase energy from sources that include a growing proportion of non-polluting renewable energy technologies with a goal of no less than 25% by 2010, provided, however, that the total additional cost of the energy purchased from such technologies shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) per year when compared to the cost of the same quantity of conventional energy; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works is further authorized, empowered, and directed to issue an annual report to the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than December 31 of each year updating the progress of achieving the 25% goal, said report to be filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature; 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)(27) 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 as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, 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: April 5, 2005

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steve Levy  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 20, 2005