

**RESOLUTION NO. 1156 -2017, ESTABLISHING A  
SUPERSTORM SANDY REVIEW TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, five years ago, Long Island was struck by Superstorm Sandy, a powerful weather event that damaged residences, businesses and infrastructure and redefined the region's coastal landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities are just beginning to move forward from the devastation wrought by Sandy, with others still in the process of recovering; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to prepare for future storms, the County should analyze the many challenges Sandy presented and how those challenges were met by federal, state and local governments, public utilities, not-for-profit organizations and the private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, reviewing and analyzing the preparation for, response to and recovery from Superstorm Sandy will ensure that infrastructure, utilities, first responders and government agencies are in the best position to withstand future named storms and extreme weather events; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that a Superstorm Sandy Review Task Force is hereby established to perform in an in-depth review of the preparation for and provision of services before, during and after Superstorm Sandy by government agencies, first responders, not-for-profit organizations and private sector entities to determine which measures were effective and what actions must be taken to increase resiliency and improve response to future extreme weather events; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall be comprised of the following seventeen (17) members:

- 1) the Presiding Officer, or his or her designee;
- 2) a representative from the County Office of Planning in the Department of Economic Development and Planning;
- 3) the Commissioner of the County Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
- 4) the Commissioner of the County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, or his or her designee;
- 5) the Commissioner of the County Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs, or his or her designee;
- 6) a representative of the Suffolk County Town Supervisors Association;
- 7) a representative of the Suffolk County Village Mayors Association;

- 8) a community member with a background in land use and planning, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 9) a community member with a background in engineering, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 10) a representative of a not-for-profit organization, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 11) a representative of organized labor, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 12) a representative of PSEG LI;
- 13) a representative of Long Island University – Post;
- 14) a representative of Stony Brook University;
- 15) a representative of the development community, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 16) the County Executive, or his or her designee; and
- 17) a Suffolk County resident active in the response to Superstorm Sandy, to be appointed by the Presiding Officer;

and be it further

**3rd** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened for the purpose of organization and the appointment of a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

**4th** **RESOLVED**, that the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

**5th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings, with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefore signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

**6th** **RESOLVED**, that nine (9) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

**7th**           **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Task Force, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Legislature; and be it further

**8th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

**9th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

**10th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

**11th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall engage in a comprehensive study and analysis of the actions taken in preparing for Superstorm Sandy and in the Storm's aftermath to determine what worked well and what areas need improvement. The analysis shall consider all facets of response, including, but not limited to, emergency response, public safety, intergovernmental and utility coordination, consumer protection, recovery and reconstruction, storm preparation and resiliency and environmental impacts; and be it further

**12th**          **RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations, together with its recommendations to improve storm readiness, to each member of the County Legislature, the Clerk of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than one (1) year subsequent to the administration of the oaths of office for all Committee members for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

**13th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate upon the completion and submission of their report, at which time the Task force shall deposit all records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

**14th**          **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)(20), (21) and (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: December 19, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 26, 2017