

**RESOLUTION NO. 554 -2009, ESTABLISHING A GROW GREEN - SAVE GREEN INITIATIVE BY PROMOTING "RECESSION GARDENS" IN CLIENT BENEFIT APPLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, due to the economic downturn, an increased number of Suffolk County residents are applying for, and receiving, federal and state supplemental nutritional assistance ("food stamps") to ease the strain on their food budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, recipients of food stamps should be informed of ways to stretch the assistance they receive to maximize its effectiveness and encourage healthy food choices; and

**WHEREAS**, past generations of Americans have grown their own produce during difficult economic times, providing healthy foods for their families at a fraction of what it would cost to purchase these items at a store; and

**WHEREAS**, growing fruits and vegetables at home is economical, with an average return of twenty five dollars (\$25) of produce for every one dollar (\$1) invested in seeds and fertilizer; and

**WHEREAS**, many food stamps recipients are unaware that their monthly food stamp allocation can be used to purchase seeds and plants that produce food for consumption, which would help their food budgets go further; and

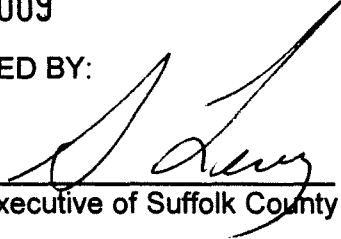
**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County seeks to encourage all its residents, particularly those suffering during this difficult time, to establish healthy and cost-effective ways to stretch their food budgets; now, therefore be it

**1st** **RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to work with the Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy to develop and distribute a cover letter with all food stamps applications stating that food stamp allocations may be used to purchase seeds and plants that produce food for consumption; and be it further

**2nd** **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: JUN 23 2009

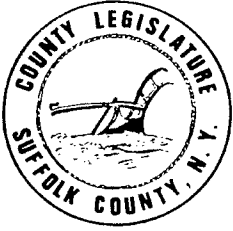
APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 7-6-09

SUFFOLK COUNTY  
County Legislature  
RIVERHEAD, NY



*This is to Certify That I*, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on June 23, 2009 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Laube".

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Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res. 1471 Res. No. 554

June 23, 2009

**Motion:**

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro  
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,  
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

**Co-Sponsors:**

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro  
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,  
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

**Second:**

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro  
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,  
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE					
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Brian BEEDENBENDER					
6	Daniel P. LOSQUADRO					
7	Jack EDDINGTON					
9	Ricardo MONTANO					
10	Cameron ALDEN					
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12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.					
13	Lynne C. NOWICK					
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY					
15	DuWayne GREGORY				/	
16	Steven H. STERN				/	
17	Lou D'AMARO					
18	Jon COOPER					
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.					
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.					
	Totals	16	-		2	-

**MOTION**

Approve  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Table: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Send To Committee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Table Subject To Call  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lay On The Table  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Take Out of Order  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Reconsider  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Waive Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Override Veto  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Close  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Recess

APPROVED  FAILED \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Motion \_\_\_\_\_ No Second \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION DECLARED**

ADOPTED  
 \_\_\_\_\_ NOT ADOPTED

*Tim Laube*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote