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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF
SUFFOLK, as follows:**

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that fostering diversity, promoting equity and inclusivity, and celebrating Suffolk County's various cultures, ethnicities, religions and traditions, contribute to the County's vibrant community fabric.

This Legislature also finds that the County Executive's Division of Human Services, Minority Affairs, aims to address the unique needs and concerns of minority communities, striving to eliminate discrimination and achieve equality.

This Legislature further finds and determines that Minority Affairs should be transformed into a more all-encompassing entity that strengthens broader initiatives, such as promoting cultural understanding and building solid community partnerships, empowering every resident to feel valued and respected.

This Legislature finds and determines that it is essential to adopt a designation for this office that not only reflects the mission of promoting cultural diversity, equity and inclusion, but also acknowledges the vital role that community engagement plays in ensuring overall social cohesion.

This Legislature also finds and determines that enabling older adults to enjoy healthy productive lives and maintain maximum independence and dignity, is an essential part of the community fabric.

This Legislature further finds and determines that the name of the Office of Handicapped Services had been changed by Suffolk County Legislative Resolution No. 443-2011 to the Office of People with Disabilities.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend Article III of the Suffolk County Administrative Code to change the name "Minority Affairs" to "Multicultural Affairs and Community Engagement", to incorporate the name change of "Handicapped Services" to the "Office of People with Disabilities", and to additionally update the functions provided by the County Executive's Division of Human Services, with regard to services provided by Aging.

Section 2. Amendment.

Article XXII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III County Executive

§ A3-11. Division of Human Services.

In the office of the County Executive, there shall be established a Division of Human Services. The Division of Human Services shall be comprised of the offices of Aging, Veterans Services, Youth Bureau/Children's Services, Office of People with Disabilities, Women's Services, and Multicultural Affairs and Community Engagement, which shall perform the following functions:

- A. Aging. The Division of Human Services shall:
- (1) Serve as the New York State designated planning and service area agency on Aging for Suffolk County
 - (2) Implement Suffolk County programs for the aging, as well as interpret and carry forward the policies and procedures of the federal government by means of directives and regulations from the United States Department of Health and Human Resources and the New York State Office for the Aging.
 - (3) Provide both direct and contracted services to meet the needs of the over-sixty population in Suffolk County as approved in the area plan.
 - (4) Act as lead agency and clearinghouse for both private voluntary agencies and departments within the County that serve the elderly through the use of federal and state funds.
 - (5) Advise the County Executive on the status of the aging population and attendant matters concerning the elderly and suggest remedies, policies and actions that can be pursued.
 - (6) Initiate and develop community support services needed to maintain maximum independence and dignity for older persons.
 - (7) Conduct an ongoing public information effort to acquaint the total population with needs and priorities of the elderly and with the programs to address these needs.
 - (8) Administer, monitor and evaluate the operation of grants consisting of either federal or state moneys and required local matches, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) Title IIIB of the Older Americans Act (OAA).
 - (b) Title IIIC-1 and Title IIIC-2 of the OAA (Nutrition Program).
 - [(c) Title IVA of the OAA.]
 - [(d) Title V of the OAA]

[(e)] (c) Community Services for the Elderly.

[(f)] Recreation for the Elderly Program.]

[(g)] (d) Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

[(h)] (e) Respite Care Grant.

[(i)] (f) Adult Day Care.

[(9)] Act as advocate for the welfare and well-being of the Suffolk County senior citizen population.]

[(10)] Develop effective policies for the physical, mental and social well-being of the senior citizens of the County.]

[(11)] Supplement and aid in coordinating the activities of private, public and religious agencies and service consultants to said agencies.]

[(12)] Encourage closer cooperation between service clubs, labor, churches, recreation commissions and private agencies so as to stimulate and encourage town senior citizen programs on the basis of community planning.]

[(13)] (9) Obtain, assemble and develop statistical records relating to senior citizens.

[(14)] (10) Make necessary studies for the advancement of senior citizen morale and social wellbeing and further conduct public education forums on senior citizen problems and needs.

[(15)] (11) Establish such advisory groups and committees as may be necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Department.

[(16)] (12) Prepare an [annual report for the County Executive and the County Legislature and a yearly] area agency plan and updates as required.

B. Veterans services. The Division of Human Services shall perform all functions previously performed by the Veterans Service Agency.

C. Youth Bureau/Children's Services. The Division of Human Services shall perform all functions previously performed by the Youth Bureau/Youth Board Coordinating Council as set forth in § A3-5 of the Administrative Code.

D. [Handicapped services] Office of People with Disabilities. The Division of Human Services shall perform all functions denominated "handicapped services."

E. All references to "handicapped services" in the Suffolk County Code shall be deemed to refer to the "Office of People with Disabilities."

[E] F. Women's services. The Division of Human Services shall perform all functions denominated "women's services."

G. Multicultural Affairs and Community Engagement. The Division of Human Services shall perform all functions previously performed by the Office of Minority Affairs.

H. All reference to the "Minority Affairs" in the Suffolk County Code shall be deemed to refer to "Multicultural Affairs and Community Engagement."

Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. SEQRA Determination.

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26), (27), and (33) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning 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. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of nonapplicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language.

[] Brackets denote deletions of existing language.

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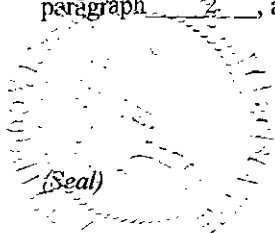
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. ____ of 2024 of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____, 2024 became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. ____ of 2024 of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____, 2024, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph _____, above.



[Handwritten Signature]

Clerk of the County legislative body, City, Town, or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date: 7/10/24

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF Suffolk

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and the all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

County Attorney

Title

County of Suffolk

Date: 7/22/24