

**MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT  
OF ENACTING THE HEALTHY, SAFE AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENT OUTDOOR LIGHTING ACT**

**WHEREAS**, poorly designed and excessive outdoor illumination wastes energy, intrudes on the privacy of others and deteriorates the natural nighttime environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this waste results in both higher energy costs for providing such lighting and increased pollution from the power plants that produce the wasted electricity; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that \$3 to \$4.5 billion a year is wasted in the United States by the unintended lighting of the sky rather than the streets, walkways, and other areas which the light was intended to illuminate; and

**WHEREAS**, limiting excessive illumination will reduce the cost of outdoor lighting, and allow future generations to enjoy the beauty of the stars and to study and learn from the wonders of the night sky; and

**WHEREAS**, this Legislature has historically been committed to preserving and protecting Suffolk County's environment and ecology with the passage of Local Law 26-2004, A Local Law to Reduce Light Pollution from County-owned Buildings ; now, therefore, be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby supports New York State Assembly Bill No. A.07438 and New York State Senate Bill No. S.04364 that enacts the healthy, safe and energy efficient outdoor lighting act which will reduce harmful outdoor lighting and provide for the designation of dark-sky preserves; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Eliot Spitzer; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate Joseph L. Bruno; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Sheldon Silver; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

[Passed 6/12/07 with all 17 present in favor.]