

**THE HAVE A HEART ADOPT A PET FOUNDATION INC. WILL BE
DONATING THE REQUIRED FUNDS TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL THE
SIGNS FOR THIS RESOLUTION .**

Intro. Res. No. 1052-2002

Laid on the Table 1/2/2002.

Introduced by Legislator Postal

**RESOLUTION NO. 191 - 2002, ADOPTING PLAN TO
ENCOURAGE ADOPTION OF PETS**

WHEREAS, families frequently buy animals to give as pets to their children but later abandon them or fail to have them neutered which allows them to produce unwanted litters; and

WHEREAS, town shelters are burdened with the responsibility for these unwanted pets but do not have the resources to keep them for a long period of time; now, therefore, be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the County Department of Health Services is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to Section 9-3 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to develop and implement a public education campaign encouraging the public to visit town shelters to adopt pets; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the County Department of Health Services is hereby further authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to Section 9-3 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to initiate an annual poster contest, hereby designated as the "Have a Heart; Adopt a Pet" Program, to promote animal adoption from town shelters, by conducting an annual "Have a Heart; Adopt a Pet" campaign in elementary level schools throughout the County of Suffolk that includes inviting students in elementary schools to participate in a poster contest requiring a student's interpretation of how best to adopt animals from town shelters, as follows:

- 1.) each County Legislator shall send a letter to the Superintendents of public school districts, located within their pertinent legislative district, advising the school as to the contest;
- 2.) each County Legislator shall judge entries made by elementary schools and recommend one (1) winner from each school as a finalist. A Legislator from each district shall then recommend to the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature one (1) poster to represent their legislative district;
- 3.) the deadline for submitting eligible posters shall be December 31st of each year beginning with the year 2002. The Legislative Office of Budget Review shall then select the poster to be used as part of a County-wide message to be disseminated by the County Department of Health Services; and
- 4.) any student requesting to participate in said contest shall be furnished

with literature from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services regarding the public health rationale for encouraging the adoption of such pets;

and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the County Department of Health Services is also authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to Section 9-3 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to design colorful signs bearing the slogan "Have a Heart; Adopt a Pet," incorporating a logo with a heart and silhouettes of a cat and a dog and directing residents to visit their town animal shelter; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, pursuant to Section 8-2(X) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to install said signs along Suffolk County roads on a phased-in-basis not to exceed six hundred (600) days subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution; and be it further

5th 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: March 19, 2002

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Robert J. Gaffney

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date of Approval: March 27, 2002