

RESOLUTION NO. 182-2021

A Resolution prohibiting Nassau County Elected Officials from postmarking or causing to be mailed mass mailings prior to an election

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Nassau County Legislature Rules of Procedure, legislators or legislative employees cannot postmark or cause to be mailed newsletters and other mass mailings within proximity to a general, primary, or special election; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of tis Legislature to expand this prohibition to elected officials who hold County wide office and County employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that no elected official who holds Countywide office or any County employee shall postmark or cause to be mailed at the County's expense newsletters and other forms of mass mailings within forty-five days of a general election or, for an elected official whose County wide office is the subject of a special or primary election or any County employee of that office, within thirty days of such special or primary election; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the restriction on mass mailings provided by the previous paragraph of this Resolution shall not apply to a mailing that is required by law or that exclusively contains: (i) an announcement of a public meeting or event relating to a County service; (ii) a communication that is necessary to protect public health or safety, or which is in connection with a County, state or federal response to an emergency condition or natural disaster endangering public health, safety or welfare; or (iii) information relating to a Countywide referendum; and be it further

RESOLVED, that for the purposes of this resolution, "mass mailings" shall mean more than five hundred substantially similar items distributed by mail in a calendar year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.