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Inter-Departmental Memo

To: Michael C Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature

From: Peter J. Clines, Esq., Minority Counsel

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CC: Hon. Richard Nicoletto, Presiding Officer

Hon. Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader

Date: June 25, 2018

Re: A RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A SMARTPHONE APPLICATION FOR
SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES IN
NASSAU COUNTY

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Attached please find the above referenced proposed resolution which has been approved as to form per the Rules of the Legislature. Kindly distribute a copy to Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto along with our request that this item be placed on the next available legislative agenda.

Kindly provide a time stamped hard copy acknowledgement of your receipt.

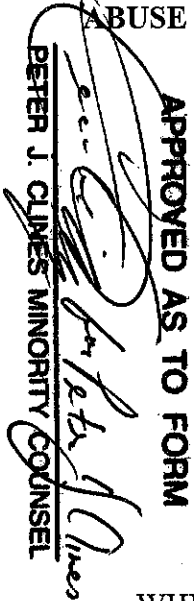
Thank you.

Introduced by: Legislator Joshua Lafazan

Co-Sponsored by:

RESOLUTION NO. -2018

A RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A SMARTPHONE APPLICATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES IN NASSAU COUNTY

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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WHEREAS, substance abuse is a prevalent issue in America that directly or indirectly has an affect on every individual in our society; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2014 report published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the federal government, approximately twenty-one and one half million people aged twelve or older had a substance use disorder including seventeen million people with an alcohol abuse disorder, over seven million with an illicit drug use disorder, and over two and one half million who had both an alcohol abuse and an illicit drug use disorder.

WHEREAS, individuals within the County who are battling substance abuse as well as their family members and friends need access to information and resources such as treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, although there are numerous public and private entities on Long Island and in the greater metropolitan area that provide substance abuse services, it can be overwhelming for someone dealing with substance abuse as well as their family and friends to gather information and find the appropriate services specifically within the County; and

WHEREAS, smartphone applications, known as “apps” are widely used by a significant percentage of the population, especially people between the ages of twenty-two to thirty-seven; and

WHEREAS, creating an app that would provide relevant information regarding substance abuse assistance information and resources within Nassau County would be an effective means of assisting individuals in need of substance abuse treatment, especially young people who are more likely to use an app than to make a telephone call; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Human Services in coordination with the Director of the Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disabilities Services and the Department of Information Technology, subject to all County internal approvals regarding content, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop, maintain, and oversee the creation of a smartphone app dedicated to providing pertinent information regarding substance abuse assistance information and resources within Nassau County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Human Services in coordination with the Director of the Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disabilities Services shall compile information and resources garnered from nonprofits, for-profit, and advocacy groups regarding substance abuse assistance information and resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Department of Information Technology and the County Attorney, under the direction of the Commissioner of Human Services and the Director of the Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disabilities Services, shall prepare and issue a request for proposals (“RFP”) for the app development and design and the content shall include

but not be limited to: (i) a comprehensive directory of substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services; (ii) links to Nassau County government resources; (iii) a zip code searchable guide that will display the location of the nearest treatment centers and hospitals; (iv) a NARCAN training calendar, (v) support hotline telephone numbers, and (vi) links to state and federal websites; and be it further

RESOLVED, the app shall be designed for the Android Operating System and the Apple operating system known as iOS; and be it further

RESOLVED, the app shall be updated for content every six months, or more frequently as the Commissioner of Human Services deems necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, the app developer shall provide developer updates as well as patches known as “bug fixes”; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Department of Information Technology in coordination with the Commissioner of Human Services and the Director of the Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disabilities Services shall cause the app to be fully operational and available for download within sixty days after the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L., section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the adoption of this local law is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) and (27) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.