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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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# **Bi-County Coat Drive**

## **Suffolk County Majority Leader and Nassau County Minority Leader Join Forces to Sponsor a Bi-County Winter Coat Drive**

**AMITYVILLE & MINEOLA NY**—Just because the mercury hasn't been stuck at freezing all winter, doesn't mean that there isn't another inconvenient truth—namely thousands of Long Islanders are out in the cold because they can't afford winter coats. That's why the Suffolk County Legislative Majority Leader DuWayne Gregory (D-Amityville) and Nassau County Legislative Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams (D-Hempstead) are sponsoring a bi-county winter coat drive.

Starting January 27<sup>th</sup>, Gregory and Abrahams will be reaching out to residents in both counties asking them to help their less fortunate neighbors by donating gently-used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and boots. Gregory and Abrahams have also enlisted Healthplus, the Urban League of Long Island Young Professionals and 100 Black Men of Long Island in their winter warm-up.

"During this winter season and tough economic times we need our residents to give back by donating coats and jackets for the poor and less fortunate. I am happy to work with Legislator DuWayne Gregory so we cover this effort in Suffolk and Nassau County," said Abrahams.

"Hardship knows no boundaries," says Gregory. "We all share this Island we call home, so we also should share in the responsibility of helping our neighbors in need. I hope the example Kevan and I are setting will be the impetus for more cross-county cooperation in the future."

— MORE, MORE, MORE —

The coats collected in Nassau will be sent to the Harvest for the World in Roosevelt. The coats collected in Suffolk will be given to Project Redirect in Amityville for distribution to residents. The drive will continue until February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Those wishing to donate are asked to please give either new or gently-used:

- winter coats
- hats
- scarves
- gloves and mittens
- boots

Men's, women's and children's sizes will all be accepted and greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of donation/collection centers in both counties.

**Suffolk County:**

**Legislator DuWayne Gregory's District Office**

15 Albany Avenue  
Amityville  
9 am to 5 pm weekdays

**Wyandanch Community Resource Center**

1585 Straight Path  
Wyandanch  
9 am to 5pm weekdays

**Nassau County:**

**Legislator Kevan Abraham's Office**

1550 Franklin Ave  
Mineola  
9 am to 5 pm weekdays

**Health Plus**

91 North Franklin St.  
Hempstead  
8 am to 5 pm weekdays

**Shop Rite**

1121 Jerusalem Ave  
Uniondale  
6 am to 11 pm, 7 days a week

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