

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

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Amityville, NY – Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory presented Sheriff Vincent DeMarco with a proclamation on behalf of the Legislature recognizing the success of the Sheriff's Youth Tier and Reentry Initiative at Tuesday's General Meeting of the Legislature. Sheriff DeMarco launched the program in 2011 with the goal of reducing youth recidivism by addressing the barriers to reentry and offering young people opportunities for improved outcomes by partnering with youth service providers through the Youth Reentry Task Force.

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Participants in the program receive individualized services during their period of incarceration. The Youth Reentry Task Force, which brings together over 40 community and governmental agencies, coordinates post-incarceration services, such as case management, housing educational and vocational services which serve to reinforce and build upon the pre-release services.

“Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory has been a genuine partner in the Task Force’s efforts to reduce youthful crime and recidivism in Suffolk County,” stated Suffolk County Sheriff Vincent DeMarco. “He understands all of the dynamics of this multifaceted issue, from the affects crime has on communities to the problems faced by troubled youth. More importantly, he is actively involved in our efforts to create meaningful and cost-effective solutions to the problems associated with justice-involve youth.”

“Sheriff DeMarco is to be commended for his leadership in spearheading this program,” said Presiding Officer Gregory. “I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many representatives who serve on the Youth Reentry Task Force. They pool their expertise to provide the means for our youth to be successful. This program is an extraordinary opportunity for young people to get back into the community and onto a successful path.”

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