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**Legislator Muratore Recognizes this October as Suffolk County's
First "Disability Employment Awareness Month"**



Selden, NY –Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) would like to acknowledge October 2014 as the County's first "Disability Employment Awareness Month."

As per Resolution #449, sponsored by Legislator Muratore and adopted unanimously by the Suffolk County Legislature on June 3, 2014, *"beginning in 2014 and continuing every year thereafter, October shall be "Disability Employment Awareness Month" in Suffolk County, for the purpose of educating and raising awareness of the rights of people with disabilities and the contributions and skills of workers with disabilities."*

In 1945, President Harry Truman established the first week of October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. In 1988, Congress expanded on President Truman's initiative, naming the entire month of October "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." This helps to raise awareness about disability employment issues, and celebrates the varied contributions and capabilities of those individuals that are often overlooked.

"At this time, I'd like to remind all business owners to routinely consider hiring people with disabilities," stated Legislator Muratore. "Not only do they deserve a fair chance at employment, but can be a valuable asset to your business."