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### **PLEASE BE ADVISED OF SUFFOLK COUNTY'S STATE OF EMERGENCY**

As a result of record rainfall over the last twelve (12) hours, Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone and Town of Islip Supervisor Tom Croci have both declared a State of Emergency for our district. Reports indicate that over thirteen (13) inches of rainfall have accrued very rapidly and as a result have caused major flooding.

Roadways and health service facilities such as, The Brentwood Health Center, have been affected. There have been numerous reportings of water damage and flooding within residential homes and businesses. We ask that **residents remain indoors** until water levels decrease in order to allow emergency vehicles to assist people who may be trapped or in need of serious medical attention.

If you should lose power first check your fuse and/or circuit box. If that is not the problem, please report your outage online to PSEG or call them at 1-800-490-0075.

If you are in need of shelter, please call the Suffolk County Department of Social Services between 8am and 4pm, Monday through Friday. Should you need to contact the Department of Social Services on a weekend or holiday, please call the Suffolk County Emergency Services Unit at 631-854-9100.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact my office at 631-853-3700 so that we may keep you abreast on new developments, closings and/or postponements of community related events due to the recent weather conditions.