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Legislator Monica Martinez Participates in Inaugural Suffolk County Marathon

(Oakdale, NY): On September 13, 2015, Legislator Monica R. Martinez, along with her colleagues at the Legislature, participated in the Inaugural Suffolk County Marathon and Half Marathon in support of our Suffolk County Veterans. The race drew more than 3,600 runners and was organized in accordance with County Executive Steven Bellone's goal of honoring our local heroes. Special categories were established for active military and retired veterans, along with Wounded Warrior and para-olympics.

Legislator Martinez was happy to be part of such a worthwhile event created to raise funds to enhance local veteran services. "We need to support our veterans and I am happy to have been able to be part of such a great cause," stated Legislator Martinez.

The 26.2 mile marathon route took runners along the scenic Great South Bay, starting and ending at Heckscher State Park. Participants ran through Suffolk's downtowns, including Oakdale, Sayville, Patchogue, Blue Point and Bayport where they were cheered on by thousands of onlookers at watch parties, restaurants and local businesses along the route. Over \$100,000 was raised for the cause. All of the proceeds generated from the event went directly toward expanding and enhancing services for veterans and active-duty military personnel living in Suffolk County.

