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AMENDMENT I#2 N NATURE OF SUBSTITUTION TO CLERK ITEM NO. 24-22

The amendment clarifies a "RESOLVED" clause regarding the funding eligibility limit for the "Chesnel Veillard Program" for Project Lifesaver monitoring.

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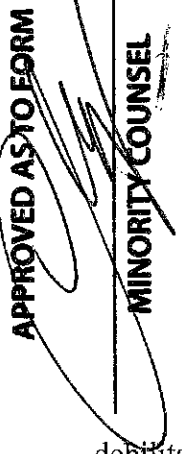
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Introduced By: Legislator Siela A. Bynoe

RESOLUTION NO. -2022

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE "CHESNEL VEILLARD PROGRAM" TO PROVIDE ALL CLINICALLY ELIGIBLE PATIENTS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, DEMENTIA AND OTHER SIMILAR COGNITIVE DISORDERS COST-FREE ACCESS TO THE PROJECT LIFESAVER MONITORING PROGRAM

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APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
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WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other similar cognitive disorders are debilitating conditions which impact the lives of thousands of Nassau County individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease causes people to lose their ability to recognize familiar places and faces and sadly it is common for victims of dementia to wander, become lost, or confused about their location; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, six in ten people living with dementia will wander at least once and many do so repeatedly, and such wandering can be dangerous — even life-threatening — to the Alzheimer's patient and cause enormous stress to families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, New Cassel resident, Mr. Chesnel Veillard, who suffered from a cognitive disorder, lost his life in a tragic accident after wandering from his place of residence; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to take steps to assist in averting such tragedies in the future; and

WHEREAS, the potentially tragic consequences of such wandering can be averted through the use of monitoring systems such as Project Lifesaver, a search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, designed to locate and safely return cognitively impaired individuals, including Alzheimer's patients, who have wandered from their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Police Department currently utilizes the Lifesaver Program in conjunction with its Silver Alert system, but requires participants to pay a \$325 fee to cover the cost of the Lifesaver program; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Police Department also operates the Return Every Adult and Child Home (REACH) registry which is a law enforcement-maintained database of identifying information relating to children and adults with cognitive disorders that make them more likely to become a missing person and that potentially limit their ability to communicate, including individuals who are affected by Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, Down Syndrome, mental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, and other similar medical conditions, in order to assist in locating such individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of this Legislature that all Nassau County residents suffering from Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other similar cognitive disorders should have access to Project Lifesaver monitoring regardless of their financial circumstances and that the imposition of a fee for access to Project Lifesaver can be a hardship for economically disadvantaged families; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that there is hereby established the "Chesnel Veillard Program" pursuant to which the County will provide funding to afford cost-free access, subject to the limitations in this resolution, to the Project Lifesaver monitoring program to all clinically eligible patients with Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other similar cognitive disorders who apply or whose families or caregivers apply on their behalf; and be it further

RESOLVED, that because certain patients are likely to have access to Project Lifesaver without a County subsidy, the cost free access program established in this resolution shall not apply to individuals residing in institutional settings such as nursing facilities, long term care facilities or Alzheimer's special care units or to individuals whose adjusted gross personal income or household income for married joint filers is more than \$76,050 based on such person's most recent tax return; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is directed to take steps to coordinate with such County agencies as may be necessary or helpful for the purposes of establishing and publicizing such program and securing the necessary funding, including the Nassau County Police Department, the Office of Management and Budget and, as may be appropriate, the Nassau County Department of Health, the Nassau County Department of Human Services, including the Office of Mental Health and the Office of the Aging, and the Nassau County Department of Social Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all individuals enrolled in the Program shall also be included in the REACH Registry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the "Chesnel Veillard Program" shall be fully funded and established no later than six months from date of final adoption of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L., section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the adoption of this local law is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.