



East Hampton Town Board
159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, NY 11937

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Town Clerk

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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2020-794

**Memorializing Resolution in Support of Designating EHVOR
an Emergency Rescue Squad**

Whereas, the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad has responded to water emergencies in the Town of East Hampton 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, since 2003, answering approximately 40 calls annually in recent years; and

Whereas, the squad performs a invaluable community service, assisting those in need at beaches along the Town's 70 miles of shoreline; and

Whereas, the EHVOR squad functions in a professional manner, its members participating in ongoing year-round training, enabling the squad to respond to multi-agency calls and assist other emergency response organizations including the US Coast Guard, Marine Patrol, fire departments, and dive teams; and

Whereas, the New York State Legislature has passed legislation introduced by Assemblyman Thiele and Senator LaValle, which would enable the Town of East Hampton to formally designate the EHVOR squad as an emergency rescue and first aid squad pursuant to general municipal law, and the East Hampton Town Board has urged NYS Governor Cuomo to sign such legislation into law; and

Whereas the formal designation by the town would enable EHVOR squad members to use a green light on their vehicles when responding to emergencies, thus allowing them to more quickly provide help, potentially a matter of life or death;

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of East Hampton declares its support for the state legislation and the intent to make the formal designation of the EHVOR squad as an emergency rescue and first aid squad, and declares its support and gratitude for the professionalism, expertise, and service of the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue squad members.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peter Van Scoyoc, Supervisor
SECONDER:	David Lys, Councilman
AYES:	Burke-Gonzalez, Lys, Overby, Bragman, Van Scoyoc