

TOWN OF PATTERSON
COUNTY OF PUTNAM, STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION FOR
CALLING ON THE TOWN, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS
OWNERS TO ADOPT THE “THINK DIFFERENTLY” INITIATIVE
TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

R-0716-05

INTRODUCED BY: MR. RICHARD WILLIAMS

SECONDED BY: MR. CHARLES COOK

DATE OF CONSIDERATION: July 27, 2016

WHEREAS, by letter dated July 8, 2016, Marcus J. Molinaro, the Dutchess County Executive, a full and complete copy of which is annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof, requested that the Town of Patterson consider adopting the “Think Differently” initiative; and

WHEREAS, the “Think Differently” initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs; and

WHEREAS, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness, and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publically supported services available to them in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the community and businesses are encouraged and educated on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this “initiative” is to promote a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, promoting the “Think Differently” initiative is an important endorsement that our Town officials, business owners and residents can make and show their support for the “differently-abled” children and adults with special needs, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Patterson promotes the “Think Differently” initiative, and encourages all residents and business owners to do the same, so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Williams, Sr.:	Yes	Councilman Burns:	Yes
Councilman Cook:	Yes	Councilman Rogan:	Yes
Councilman Dandreaano:	Absent		

