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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: June 24, 2020
Contact: Southold Town Supervisor Scott A. Russell
RE: Town to Address Overcrowding at Town Beaches

A beach patrol/task force has been created by Southold Town Police Chief Martin Flatley that will consist of additional officers, Southold Town Bay Constables, expanding the staffing of Traffic Control Officers and any other staffing necessary to control access and night-time patrolling of the shoreline, including road ends and other points of access for non-permitted individuals.

Increasing day-time staffing who will, with oversight of a Beach Manager and available law enforcement, make sure only town residents or others holding recognized passes access the beaches.

Pursuant to an Executive Order issued by Supervisor Russell on June 23, 2020, effective June 24, 2020, the town has implemented the following:

All entrants must produce verification of town residency upon request. Guests accompanied by a resident will not be required to show proof. Such proof of residency shall consist of any documents typically accepted by the Town Clerk for issuance of a residential beach permit. Information on various documents that satisfy those requirements can be found on the Southold Town Clerk's Office website page and should be carried at all times.

Hotel-motel passes are now accepted for entrance and those who operate businesses in the hospitality industry should contact the Clerk's Office at (631)765-1800.

Residential beach passes are still available by ordering online, by mail or can be issued at the drive through at the Southold Town Annex from 9am until 3pm from Thursdays through Sundays.

All residential permits which expired on December 31, 2019 will continue to be honored until July 10, 2020, however, for parking purposes only. Proof will still be needed to enter the beach.

As part of expanding our daytime staffing, anyone who is interested in applying for a beach attendant position should call Recreation Supervisor Janet Douglass at (631) 765-5182.

"We realize that these rules will put an undue burden on our residents and presents a substantial inconvenience that had not been necessary in past years, however, they are being put in place to maintain the quality of our shoreline and to make sure their day at the beach is a pleasant one."

