

BY: Senator BOYLE

RECOGNIZING July 6, 2017, as Got Checked Day in the Town of Babylon

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize Thursday, July 6, 2017, as Got Checked Day in the Town of Babylon; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by First Company Pink, Got Checked Day is a vital, lifesaving campaign meant to educate and inspire youth to seek change, through breast-health interactive workshops and an array of valuable initiatives educating our young women about their breast cancer risks, allowing them to discover the lifesaving power of intervention and lead them to early detection; and

WHEREAS, First Company Pink is an independent not-for-profit organization founded in April of 2010, by Donna Cioffi, as a selfless act of courage, following her own personal battle with breast cancer; she, along with others close to her, have experienced firsthand what it is like to be on the frontline of the battlefield; these passionate women work together to give every woman an equal lifesaving opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, First Company Pink has been passionately committed to raising funds to support lifesaving breast cancer research and promoting wellness and increasing public awareness; through its partnership with The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, First Company Pink strives to fund clinical and translational research, seeking prevention before a cure is needed; and

WHEREAS, With a 2% yearly increase in metastatic breast cancer found in young women and the fact that 1 in 227 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer between the ages of 30 and 40, we can no longer overlook this is now an epidemic; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Linda Bonanno, a fellow survivor, joined forces with Donna Cioffi as co-Founder, Partner, and Creative Director to form the Got Checked Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Through the Got Checked Campaign, Interactive Breast Health Workshops have been instituted in 16 Suffolk County school districts; in addition, this vital movement is focused on revising the current mammogram age recommendation, and advocating for a breast health mandate for the State of New York and beyond, making it a permanent part of young women's lives; and

WHEREAS, Through a fresh and current approach using tools such as music, videos, and a new book entitled **Decode Your Future**, the Got Checked Campaign has reached a new audience of young women, educating them about their breasts and their risks for breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, In remembrance of the women who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this disease, it is appropriate to recognize Got Checked Day in the State of New York in order to foster public awareness and understanding of breast cancer and to encourage early detection and prompt treatment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize July 6, 2017, as Got Checked Day in the Town of Babylon; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda Bonanno and Donna Cioffi, co-Founders of the Got Checked Campaign.