



OFFICE of the EXECUTIVE

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the County of Nassau is proud to recognize those outstanding events of benevolent community service; and*

*WHEREAS, under the guidance and stewardship of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) the year 2005 has been officially designated by the U.S. Senate as the "Year of Foreign Language Study;" and*

*WHEREAS, the importance of focusing America's attention on social benefits of studying other languages and cultures from around the world will positively influence the full range of language programs in schools across the United States, increase public awareness of our diverse population and their languages and cultures that enrich the American way of life with friends, neighborhood, colleagues, and employees coming from a vast array of backgrounds; and*

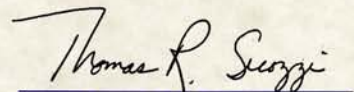
*WHEREAS, promoting international understanding and the ability to communicate in other languages will increase job opportunities for future generations of Americans and demonstrates the importance of Elementary and Secondary Education including foreign language as part of a core curriculum that includes English, mathematics, science, civics, economics, art, history, and geography;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Suozzi, Nassau County Executive, do hereby proclaim the year 2005, as:*

## **The Year of Language**

*in Nassau County, and through an exchange of different ideas and cultures, we can develop a better understanding and appreciation of our fellowman.*



  
Thomas R. Suozzi  
County Executive