



**Suffolk Center on the
Holocaust, Diversity and
Human Understanding, Inc.**



Embracing Our Differences Long Island

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**OCTOBER DECLARED TO BE
EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES MONTH
ON LONG ISLAND**

The County of Suffolk, by legislative resolution signed by County Executive Levy, and the County of Nassau, by proclamation signed by County Executive Suozzi, have declared October as *Embracing Our Differences* Month. The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, together with its co-sponsors, the Town of Huntington and Suffolk County Community College, and many partnering organizations and financial underwriters, have initiated the *Embracing Our Differences – Long Island* project.

The *Embracing Our Differences – Long Island (EOD-LI)* project is a first for Long Island. Its objective is to build a better community by reinforcing values that respect human dignity and foster freedom. The project consists of a phenomenal outdoor art exhibit complemented by a variety of locally sponsored activities that will be carried out during the month of October 2007.

EOD-LI is modeled after a project initiated in Sarasota, Florida in 2004. Richard Bergman, who as Director of the Sarasota-Manatee Arch Family Education Center of the Florida Holocaust Museum produced the Embracing Our Differences project in Florida, says that “in Sarasota, our experience has been that Embracing our Differences truly changes the way children and adults think about other people.” CHDHU Chair, Dr. M. Vicki Wacksman, who has visited the Sarasota exhibition, believes it will “provide our government, businesses, schools, civic and religious organizations a great opportunity to promote goals for diversity and provide residents life-changing benefits to grow socially and culturally.”

EOD-LI activities will include panel discussions, workshops, seminars, films, dramatic presentations, training programs and concerts. The juried art exhibition, consisting of billboard-size (16’ x 12’) panels, will be hosted by the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, Inc. (CHDHU), and will take place in Heckscher Park in Huntington from September 29 through October 24. A special event will be held on October 16 at 4 pm.

Attached is a calendar of partner events.