



### My Take on Affordable Housing

I strongly objected to Governor Hochul's Affordable Housing Plan and to my satisfaction it was removed from the State Budget. While I recognize the importance of affordable housing, the proposed plan would have placed an undue burden on taxpayers. We need market-driven solutions to address the housing crisis effectively. By incentivizing private developers and fostering a business-friendly environment, we can stimulate the construction of affordable housing without relying solely on government intervention. I remain committed to finding sustainable solutions that prioritize the needs of our constituents while promoting economic prosperity.

It is essential to acknowledge that the Affordable Housing Plan failed to address the diverse needs of our communities. Different regions within New York State face unique housing challenges, and a one-size-fits-all approach is ineffective and counterproductive. Local communities should have the flexibility and autonomy to develop housing solutions that align with their specific circumstances, rather than being subjected to a rigid statewide mandate and a "Super Zoning Board" comprised of Albany bureaucrats. Empowering local authorities, partnering with community organizations and engaging residents in the decision-making process are essential components of a comprehensive and inclusive approach to affordable housing.

### The Refugee Crisis

I am firmly in opposition to Governor Hochul and Mayor Adam's plans to send refugees from the southern border across New York state. Our communities simply do not have the resources to support them. As a result, I penned the following essay on this issue:

#### Operation Safe Passage

For decades now our leaders in Washington, on both sides of the aisle, have failed to address immigration policy and New Yorkers are beginning to feel the consequences of that failure firsthand. As a result, more and more counties are declaring a state of emergency over the influx of asylum seekers over the southern border.

The current immigration policy has created a magnet for asylum seekers to pursue freedom and opportunity in the US. Undocumented asylum seekers trek thousands of miles from Central and South America, often to escape corrupt regimes that are complicit with organized crime and rampant violence, to illegally cross our southern border and attempt to claim "asylum" as a defense against deportation. Many asylum seekers are exploited by drug cartels, forced by threat of physical violence to mule drugs like heroin and fentanyl across the border or coerced into sex trafficking.

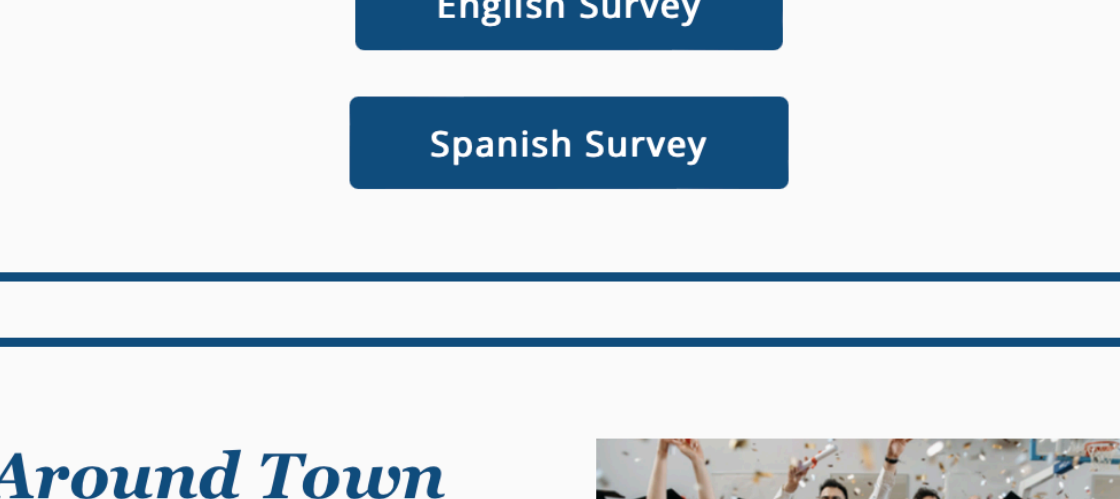
This massive influx has led to an extreme backlog in the immigration courts. There are currently over 2.1 million immigration cases waiting to be heard. Recent statistics show that individuals who were ultimately granted asylum by May 2022 waited approximately four years for a court date. During that time, they are living in the US, and many are receiving public benefits.

There must be a better way to deal with this humanitarian crisis. The time has come for serious reform. Proposed Operation "Safe Passage" would invert the immigration system by using US embassies and consulates more like processing facilities for asylum seekers within their own countries and create a humane, legal way to enter the US. US officials would process immigration applications, vet the asylum seekers' health records, criminal background checks and proof of financial means. If the asylum seeker is eligible, the embassy will provide them with proper documentation, Tax I.D. card and allow them to enter the US with a Temporary Visa. Safe Passage would operate like Ellis Island. It will help secure the southern border, disincentivize mass migration and properly vet and control the flow of individuals seeking asylum into the US.

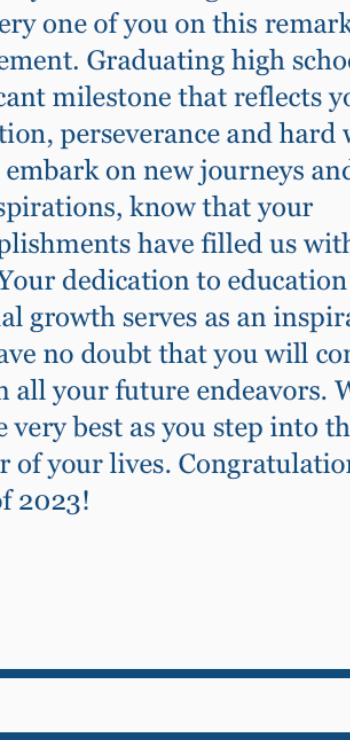
Upon entry, the asylee would have a twelve-month probationary period, during which they would be required to take an ESL, pass a basic civics class and be given a pathway to citizenship. After twelve months, they would be required to appear in a US immigration office and show proof of employment, tax payments and no criminal convictions. Failure to appear would result in automatic deportation. Immigration would be based on a percentage of the population of the country of origin. Finally, illegal border crossings would be criminalized and grounds for immediate deportation. There would be no pathway to gaining asylum by entering the US on foot to deter mass migration at the border, as well as drug and sex trafficking.

Operation Safe Passage would end the crisis at the southern border by eliminating the incentives for mass migration, while at the same time providing those who are legitimately seeking to emigrate safe passage into the US and the proper tools for success.

## LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

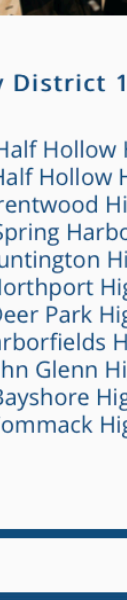


Please take a few minutes and let me know what you're thinking!



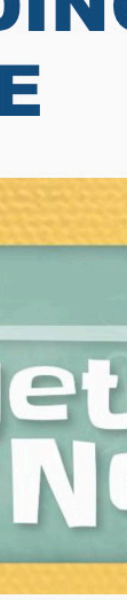
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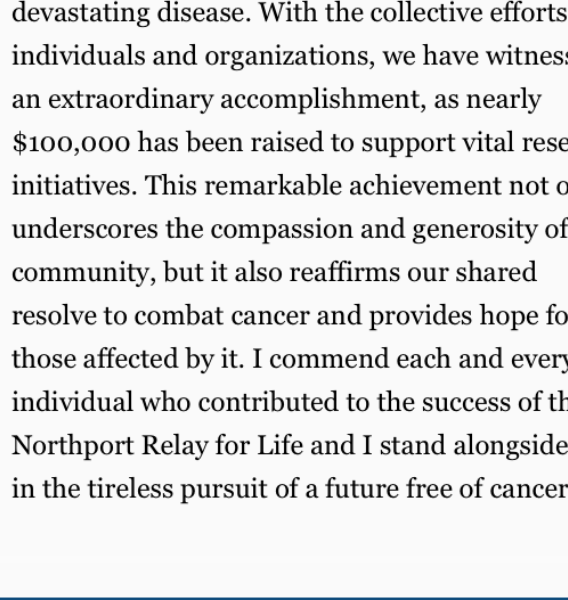
Your input is invaluable to me as your representative in the New York State Assembly. I want to ensure that your concerns and priorities are at the forefront of my work. That is why I invite you to share your thoughts by participating in our Legislative Survey. By providing your insights, you will play a crucial role in shaping our legislative agenda and influencing the decisions made on your behalf. Your feedback will help me better understand the needs and aspirations of our community and enable me to advocate more effectively on your behalf. Thank you for your engagement, and I look forward to receiving your valuable input. Follow the links below to the surveys.

[English Survey](#)

[Spanish Survey](#)

### Around Town

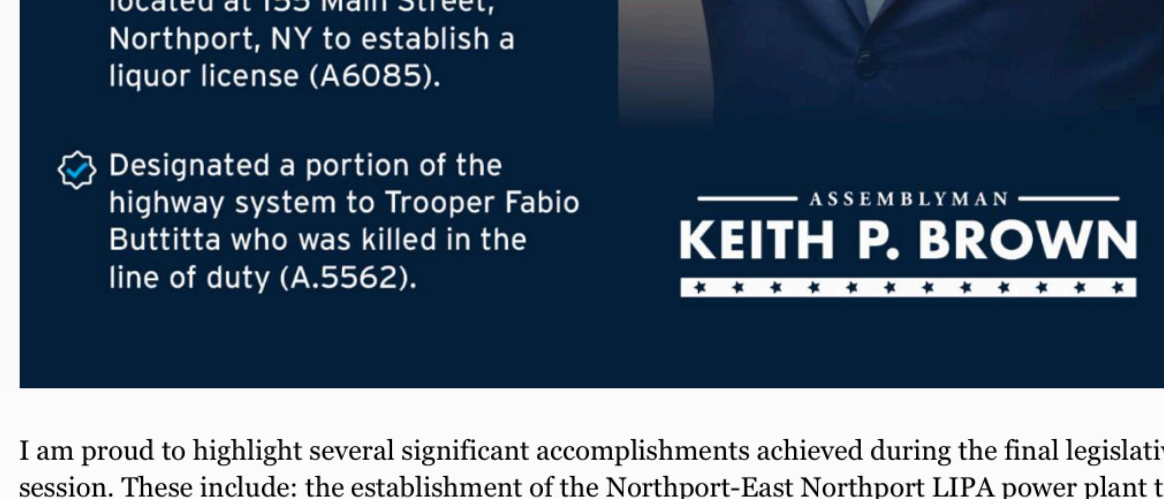
Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2023! On behalf of the entire community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you on this remarkable achievement. Graduating high school is a significant milestone that reflects your dedication, perseverance and hard work. As you embark on new journeys and pursue your aspirations, know that your accomplishments have filled us with immense pride. Your dedication to education and personal growth serves as an inspiration to us all. I have no doubt that you will continue to excel in all your future endeavors. Wishing you the very best as you step into the next chapter of your lives. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Assembly District 12 High Schools:

Half Hollow Hills East  
 Half Hollow Hills West  
 Brentwood High School  
 Cold Spring Harbor High School  
 Huntington High School  
 Northport High School  
 Deer Park High School  
 Harborfields High School  
 John Glenn High School  
 Bayshore High School  
 Commack High School

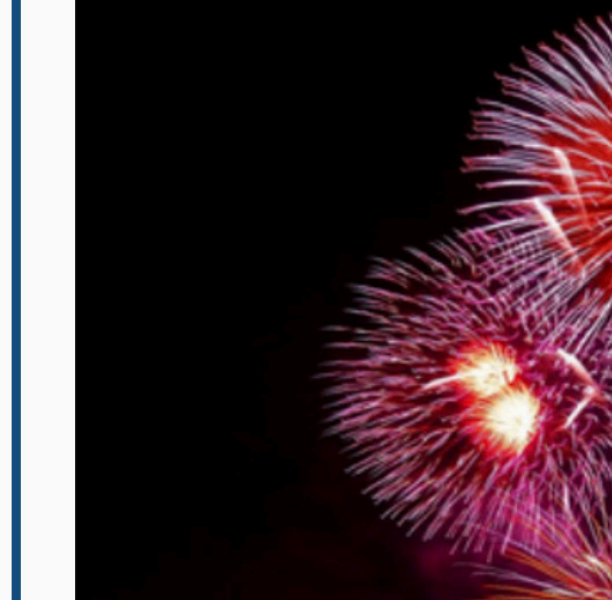
## NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY'S 2023 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Please participate in the New York State Assembly's Summer Reading Challenge! When you have marked at least 40 days on the calendar, you will earn an Excellence in Reading certificate. Complete the Summer Reading form and send it to my office. Your certificate will arrive in the mail!

[Print The Form Here!](#)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY



### Relay For Life

Thank you to the organizers, participants and supporters of the Northport Relay for Life 2023. This remarkable event, dedicated to raising funds for cancer research, has demonstrated the indomitable spirit and unwavering commitment of our community in the fight against this devastating disease.

With the collective efforts of individuals and organizations, we have witnessed an extraordinary accomplishment, as a netted \$100,000 has been raised to support vital research initiatives. This remarkable achievement not only underscores the compassion and generosity of our community, but it also reaffirms our shared resolve to combat cancer and provides hope for those affected by it. I commend each and every individual who contributed to the success of the Northport Relay for Life and I stand alongside you in the tireless pursuit of a future free of cancer.



## KEITH BROWN'S 2023 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Final Legislative Session Accomplishments

Establishment of the Northport-East Northport LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund (A.6310/S.7105).

Authorized Deer Park Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association to use Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax money from the New York Insurance Department for all statutory purposes (A.7418A/S.7436A).

Allow Rockin Fish restaurant located at 155 Main Street, Northport, NY to establish a liquor license (A6085).

Designated a portion of the highway system to Trooper Fabio Buttitta who was killed in the line of duty (A.5562).

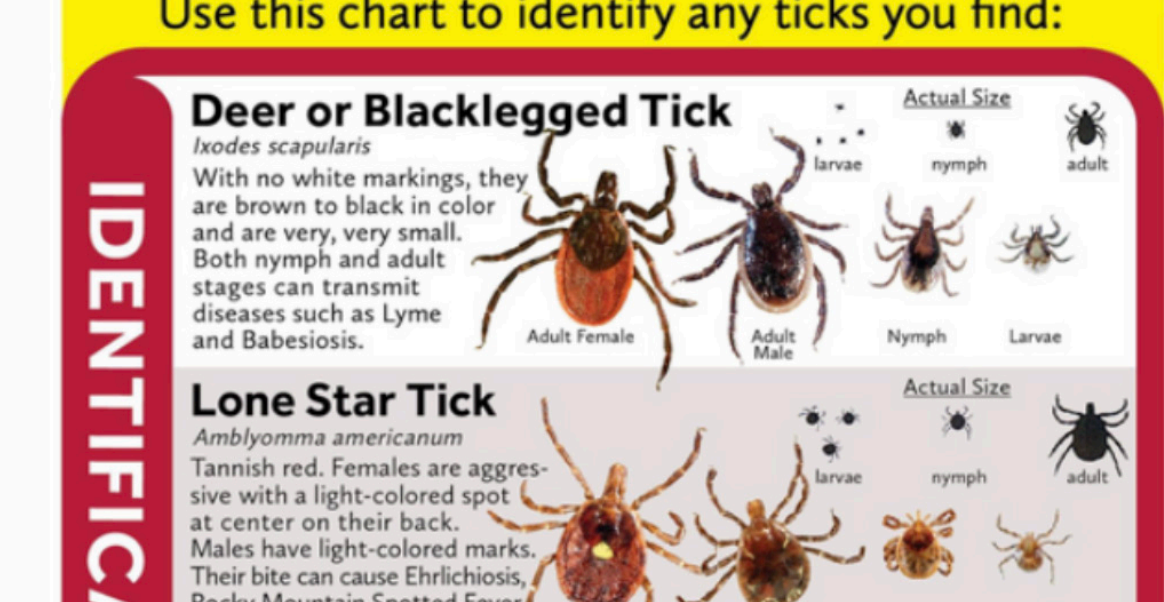


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**KEITH P. BROWN**

I am proud to highlight several significant accomplishments achieved during the final legislative session. These include: the establishment of the Northport-East Northport LIPA power plant tax assessment challenge reserve fund (A.6310/S.7105), which aims to address taxation issues related to the power plant. Additionally, we authorized the Deer Park Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association to utilize Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax funds for all statutory purposes (A.7418A/S.7436A), supporting their crucial volunteer work.

Furthermore, we facilitated the granting of a liquor license to the Rockin Fish restaurant located at 155 Main Street, Northport, NY (A6085), promoting economic growth in the local community. Lastly, we played a vital role in designating a portion of the highway system to honor Trooper Fabio Buttitta, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty (A.5562). I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and contribute to the betterment of my constituents and the State of New York.

## 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS



### St. Anthony's Family Feast & Festival Spectacular Fireworks:

Where: Trinity Regional School grounds, East Northport  
 When: 9:45 p.m. on Saturday, July 1  
 More: Festival runs from June 28 to July 1

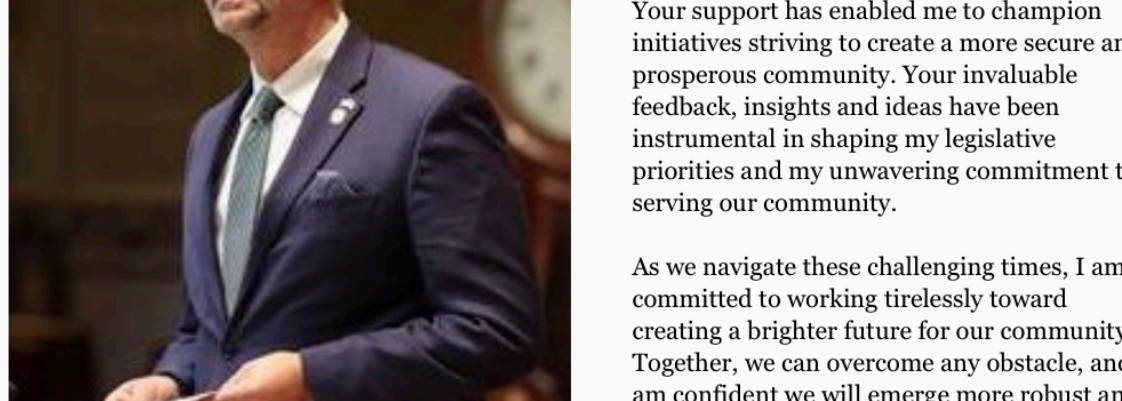
### Village of Asharoken Fireworks Display:

Where: Asharoken (visible from other town beaches)  
 Recommended: Crab Meadow Beach for non-Asharoken residents  
 When: 9:15 p.m. on July 4

### The Jovia Financial Credit Union Fireworks Spectacular at Jones Beach:

Where: Jones Beach State Park  
 When: 9:30 p.m. on July 4

## Use this chart to identify any ticks you find:



**Deer or Blacklegged Tick**  
*Ixodes scapularis*  
 With no white markings, they are brown to black in color and are very, very small. Both nymph and adult stages can transmit diseases such as Lyme and Babesiosis.

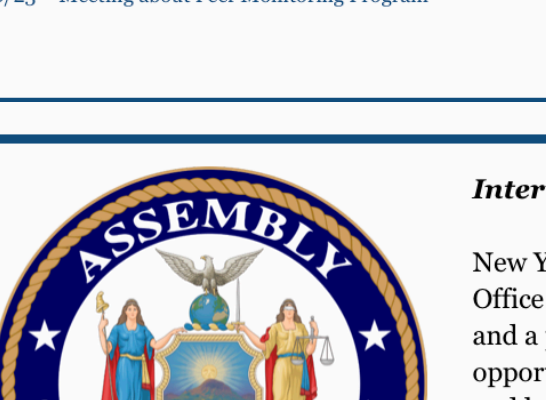
**Lone Star Tick**  
*Amblyomma americanum*  
 Tannish red. Females are aggressive with a light-colored spot at center on their back. Males have light-colored marks. Their bite can cause Ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and an allergy to red meat.

**American Dog Tick**  
*Dermacentor variabilis*  
 Larger than the others in size, brown to reddish brown with gray-silver markings on their backs, behind the mouth. Its bite can transmit Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Tularemia.

### Tick Awareness

If you find a tick attached to your skin, it is crucial to remove it as soon as possible using fine-tipped tweezers. Grasp the tick close to the skin's surface and pull upward with steady pressure, ensuring you extract the entire tick, including its mouthparts. Avoid twisting or jerking the tick, as this may cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in your skin. After removal, clean the area with soap and water and disinfect the bite site. It is advisable to save the tick in a sealed container for identification purposes if symptoms develop later. Monitor the bite site for any signs of infection or allergic reactions, such as redness, swelling, or a rash, and seek medical attention, if necessary. Please note that if you suspect you were bitten by a Lyme disease carrying tick, you should contact a medical professional immediately since antibiotics are available to prevent Lyme disease. Additionally, taking preventive measures, such as wearing protective clothing, using insect repellent, and conducting regular tick checks after spending time outdoors can help reduce the risk of tick bites. Remember, early detection and proper care are vital in minimizing the potential complications associated with tick bites.

### A Message from Keith:



I am honored to represent you in the Assembly and to work toward addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing our community. With heartfelt gratitude, I express my appreciation for your unwavering support and encouragement during my efforts to combat the rising cost of living and crime and ensure a high quality of life in our community and education for our children.

Your support has enabled me to champion initiatives striving to create a more secure and prosperous community. Your invaluable feedback, insights and ideas have been instrumental in shaping my legislative priorities and my unwavering commitment to serving our community.

As we navigated these challenging times, I am committed to working tirelessly toward creating a brighter future for our community. Together, we can overcome any obstacle, and I am confident we will emerge more robust and resilient.

Once again, thank you for supporting and entrusting me with the privilege of serving you in the Assembly.

Your Assemblyman,



### Internship Opportunities

New York State Assemblyman Keith P. Brown's District Office is seeking students who have a strong work ethic and a passion for their community. Interns will have the opportunity to further their education in public service and local government while enhancing their administrative and writing abilities. If you are interested in an internship, please contact Jennifer Ritchie at [ritchiej@nyassembly.gov](mailto:ritchiej@nyassembly.gov).