

RESOLUTION 66(19)

January 16, 2019

WHEREAS, February 2019, the American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. NCDHM messages and materials have reached millions of people in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the this year's NCDHM campaign slogan is "Brush and clean in between to build a healthy smile;" and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that it's almost entirely preventable, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease in children. Good oral hygiene practices such as thorough brushing with fluoride toothpaste can help keep children from getting cavities; and

WHEREAS, attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout life. By participating in the annual celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month, members of the dental team, parents, teachers and others can help keep children's smiles beautiful now and for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department continues to work with the two Federally Qualified Health Centers in Ocean County to help those without insurance and those with emergent issues in addition to providing dental education programs to schools, day care centers and summer camps, and community groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims February 2019 as **NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH** and encourages all residents and communities to join in this observance.

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