

RESOLUTION 87(19)

February 6, 2019

WHEREAS, on September 26, 1961, the 87th United States Congress passed a joint resolution requesting that the President of the United States proclaim the third week of March National Poison Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, National Poison Prevention Week raises awareness of poison prevention nationwide during the third full week of March every year. The week is an opportunity to highlight the dangers of poisonings for people of all ages and promote community involvement in poisoning prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, U.S. poison control centers (PCCs) reported that there were 2,115,186 human exposures. One poison exposure was reported every 14.9 seconds in the U.S. in 2017.

WHEREAS, children under 6 years accounted for almost half of all human exposures managed by PCCs. However, many of the more clinically serious cases occurred among adolescents and adults; and

WHEREAS, approximately 79% of exposures involved people who swallowed a substance. However, people were also exposed through the lungs, skin, eyes, and in other ways. Most poison exposures were unintentional (approximately 78%).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims March 17-23, 2019 as **National Poison Prevention Week** and during this week we encourage residents of Ocean County to work together as a community to educate ourselves on poison prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities, and each other.

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