

**RESOLUTION 168(19)**

April 17, 2019

WHEREAS, the week before Memorial Day has been designated "National Healthy and Safe Swimming Week;" and

WHEREAS, Healthy and Safe Swimming Week highlights the roles that swimmers, parents of young swimmers, aquatics and beach staff, residential pool owners, and public health officials play in preventing disease outbreaks, drowning, and pool chemical injuries; and

WHEREAS, the theme highlights swimmer hygiene and the need for swimmers to take an active role in helping to protect themselves and prevent the spread of germs; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Americans get sick with recreational water illnesses, which are caused by germs found in places where we swim; and

WHEREAS, every day, two children under the age of 14 years die from drowning which is the leading cause of injury death for children 1-4 years of age; and

WHEREAS, when in the water, it is important to use life jackets that fit for younger or weaker swimmers, provide continuous, attentive supervision close to the swimmers even if there is a lifeguard and avoid alcohol and drugs when swimming or watching swimmers; and

WHEREAS, recreational water illness is preventable, but prevention requires swimmers to take an active role in protecting themselves and other swimmers by practicing good hygiene, not swallowing pool water, checking diapers, etc. before entering the water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim May 20-26, 2019 as NATIONAL HEALTHY AND SAFE SWIMMING WEEK. We urge parents to take the steps to prevent germs from causing recreational water illnesses and to keep germs out of the pool in addition to taking steps to reduce the risk of drowning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Name	Bacchione	Blake	Dasti	Hill	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent				✓	✓			✓	

  
Assistant Secretary