RESOLUTION 281(19)
September 18, 2019

WHEREAS, beginning in October 1981, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence held the “Day of Unity,” with the intent to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children; and

WHEREAS, we all should embrace the idea that Awareness + Action = Social Change. You can be part of the equation; and

WHEREAS, activities conducted at the local, state and national level evolved from the Day of Unity with common themes including mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived and connecting those who work to end violence; and

WHEREAS, on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, on a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide; and

WHEREAS, domestic victimization is correlated with a higher rate of depression and suicidal behavior; and

WHEREAS, only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims October 2019 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ocean County to increase awareness of the dangers and issues associated with domestic violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and made available for participating municipalities and to other interested individuals on the Ocean County Health Department website.

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