

RESOLUTION 121(20)

March 18, 2020

WHEREAS, alcohol is the number one drug of choice for America's young people and a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young person's ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, a big part of the work of Alcohol Awareness Month is to point out the stigma that still surrounds alcoholism and substance abuse in general. One goal is to point out that denial is a major characteristic of alcohol abuse, both from the person currently experiencing it and from friends and family members who are uncomfortable acknowledging the gravity of the situation; and

WHEREAS, the month of April will be filled with local, state, and national events aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism in schools, colleges, churches, and countless other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol addiction is a chronic, progressive disease, genetically predisposed and fatal if left untreated; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous, both to themselves and to society, and is directly associated with traffic fatalities, violence, suicide, educational failure, alcohol overdose, unsafe sex and other problem behaviors. Annually, over 6,500 people under the age of 21 die from alcohol-related accidents and thousands more are injured; and

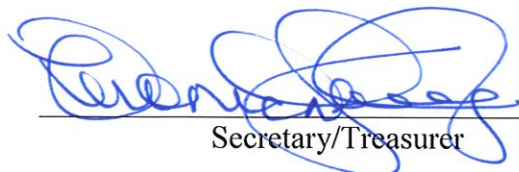
WHEREAS, additionally, 7,000 kids in the United States under the age of 16 take their first drink and those who begin drinking before age 15 are four times higher to develop alcoholism than those who begin after the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, 25% of U.S. children are exposed to alcohol-use disorders in their family and it is estimated that as many as 20 million individuals are living lives in recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims April as NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH 2020 in Ocean County to increase awareness of the dangers and issues associated with alcohol abuse.

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

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


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