

**RESOLUTION 103(20)**

March 4, 2020

WHEREAS, National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) was established to raise the profile of the infant immunization program and to serve as an observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the message behind this year's observance is always, "Love them. Protect Them. Immunize Them." Infant immunization protects people from vaccine-preventable diseases throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, giving babies the recommended immunizations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in its history; and

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and the world and even when diseases are rare in the U.S., they can be brought into the country, putting unvaccinated children at risk; and

WHEREAS, most parents vaccinate their children, with high vaccine coverage rates in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, it is important to vaccinate children on time, according to the childhood immunization schedule, to provide the best protection early in life, when babies are vulnerable and before they are likely to be exposed to diseases; and

WHEREAS, this year, National Infant Immunization Week will be celebrated as part of World Immunization Week, an initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) where all six WHO regions, including more than 180 Member States, territories, and areas will simultaneously promote immunization, advance equity in the use of vaccines and universal access to vaccination services, and enable cooperation on cross-border immunization activities in April 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 – May 3, 2020 as NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK in Ocean County and encourage all parents to vaccinate their infants and children in a timely manner and referring those without medical insurance to Federally Qualified Health Centers to assure proper vaccination and medical care of infants, children and adults.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, CHEMED, and Ocean Health Initiatives.

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

  
Secretary/Treasurer