

RESOLUTION 222(20)

August 12, 2020

WHEREAS, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug use disorders are major public health problems that affect millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and which have a huge medical, societal, and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, now in its 31st year, Recovery Month celebrates gains made by those in recovery, just as we celebrate improvements made by those who are managing other health conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, barriers to accessing treatment facilities exist and are a significant problem for people with alcohol or drug use disorders; therefore, the Ocean County Health Department Alcohol and Drug Abuse Unit offers counseling for individuals and their families and referrals to treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Health in response to this concern has created a task force to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department also addresses the issues of alcohol and drug abuse in collaboration with the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Providers Advisor Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department oversees the Municipal Alliance Program which offers alcohol and drug prevention programs in almost every municipality in Ocean County to all ages and those of-risk for alcohol and drug abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims the month of September 2020 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, with this year's theme as "Join the Voices For Recovery: Celebrating Connections" in the County of Ocean and encourages all residents to promote the benefit of treatment and recovery from alcohol and drug addiction and to support the many men, women and youth who are recovering from these illnesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Ocean County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent						✓			


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