

RESOLUTION 260(20)

September 23, 2020

WHEREAS, in 1985, Red Ribbon Week was established as the last full week in October, and since then it has served to raise awareness of the harms and risks associated with drug abuse, as well as prevent future use; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is the largest drug abuse prevention campaign in the nation with a mission to support our nation's families and communities in nurturing the full potential of a healthy, drug free youth; and

WHEREAS, today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Red Ribbon Week is "Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.," which helps amplify the campaign's mission to encourage children, families and communities to live healthy, happy and drug free lives. It also serves as a reminder that we are all empowered with shaping the communities around us through positivity, bravery and strength; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Ocean County Health Department's substance abuse prevention efforts continue to grow and reach all sectors of the public; and

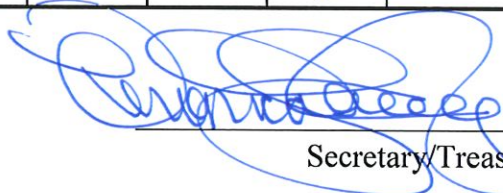
WHEREAS, Ocean County continues to promote healthy behaviors as preventative measures within schools and communities in order to reduce risky behaviors and future use; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County Health Department will continue to be dedicated to educating individuals, families, and communities about the life-changing effects of drugs and alcohol and encourage the adoption of healthy lifestyle choices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims October 23-31, 2020 as **Red Ribbon Week** and during this week we encourage residents of Ocean County to work together as a community to educate ourselves about substance use prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities, and each other.

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

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


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