

RESOLUTION

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November 4, 2020

WHEREAS, December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, the season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is what the National Association of Drug Court Professionals describe as "one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in impaired driving;" and

WHEREAS, drug and alcohol use impair judgment, delay reaction times, and can result in deadly consequences when driving; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, every day, 29 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver; this is one death every 50 minutes; the annual cost of alcohol-related crashes totals more than \$44 billion; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, 10,497 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for 28% of all traffic-related deaths in the United States; of the 1,233 traffic deaths among children ages 0 to 14 years in 2016, 214 (17%) involved an alcohol-impaired driver; and


WHEREAS, drugs other than alcohol (legal and illegal) are involved in about 16% of motor vehicle crashes; marijuana use is increasing and 13% of nighttime, weekend drivers have marijuana in their system; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department administers the Ocean County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim the month of December 2020 as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in Ocean County and encourages safe and responsible driving for the mutual benefit of the motoring public and all pedestrians this holiday season and throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, and the Ocean County Police Chiefs.

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



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