

**RESOLUTION 85(21)**

February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, flooding is a serious matter, both to health and home. Floods are not seasonal, nor territorial, as they occur in any of the fifty states at any time of the year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), floods are one of the most common disasters in the United States. It's important to be aware of flood hazards no matter where you live, but especially if you live in a low-lying area, near water or downstream from a dam. Even small streams, culverts or dry streambeds that appear harmless in dry weather can flood; and

WHEREAS, flooding causes more damage in the United States than any weather related event, accounting for \$8 billion in damages and 89 fatalities yearly; and

WHEREAS, flooding creates emergencies of great concern to Ocean County, with imminent threat to life and property and causes millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses and local government infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County has suffered major flooding events during and after Superstorm Sandy and during several storms thereafter causing damage to homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, being prepared, having an emergency plan, and knowing how to stay safe will help you and your loved ones survive a flood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health declares March 8-12, 2021 as **National Flood Safety Awareness Week** and encourages all residents to take the steps necessary to protect their families, property and businesses from flooding.

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

  
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