

RESOLUTION 114(21)

March 17, 2021

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, giving babies the recommended immunizations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases; 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, 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, there remains a need to ensure routine vaccinations are not missed. Many children have not been vaccinated during the global pandemic, leaving them at risk of serious diseases like measles and polio; and

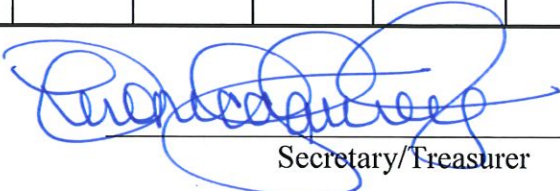
WHEREAS, routine childhood immunization among children born from 1994-2018 will prevent an estimated 419 million illnesses, 8 million hospitalizations, and 936,000 early deaths over the course of their lifetimes; and

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 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 – May 3, 2021 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 Commissioners, CHEMED, and Ocean Health Initiatives.

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


Secretary/Treasurer