

RESOLUTION 108(21)

March 17, 2021

WHEREAS, April is National Youth Sports Safety Month, a month dedicated to helping raise awareness of sports injuries in kids while also helping parents, coaches and student athletes learn how to avoid injuries; and

WHEREAS, 1.24 million children receive emergency room care for sports-related injuries each year in the U.S. - that's 3,400 kids each day - and about 90% of student athletes say they've been injured while playing a sport. Many of those injuries can be quite serious, interfering not just with the child's ability to play sports, but also with their future development and well-being; and

WHEREAS, sprains, strains, overuse injuries and fractures are the most common youth sports injuries and children going through growth spurts or exercising without adequate rest periods are most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, basketball, track, baseball, gymnastics, and swimming are the most common sports in which overuse injuries are seen. In addition to traumatic brain injuries, 8% of spinal cord injuries are sports injuries; and

WHEREAS, children are especially vulnerable to extremes of temperature and there have been deaths of high school football players due to heat stroke; and

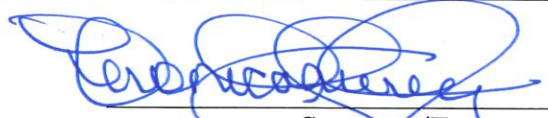
WHEREAS, research by the CDC shows more than half of all sports injuries in youth are preventable by using current best practices and guidelines and having a qualified health care professional on staff; and

WHEREAS, the plan requires that all schools have a comprehensive athletic care program and a health care team and assure safe practice and play facilities that are regularly inspected and cleaned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims the month of April 2021 as NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY MONTH in Ocean County and encourages and supports all efforts of our schools in providing safety equipment to our youth and sports safety knowledge to all children involved in sports in addition to their parents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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