## RESOLUTION

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July 14, 2021

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Health wishes to promote breastfeeding to families of Ocean County by recognizing August 1-7, 2021 as "World Breastfeeding Week;" and

WHEREAS, World Breastfeeding Week, sponsored by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action, reinforces the role of breastfeeding for children's development and lifelong health and the health of mothers; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Protect Breastfeeding; A Shared Responsibility," will focus on how breastfeeding contributes to the survival, health and wellbeing of all, and encourages us all to work together to create a breastfeeding-friendly environment; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is the foundation of life and contributes to short - and long-term health, good nutrition and food security in in non-emergency and emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, breastmilk is a natural, renewable food that is environmentally safe and green because it is produced and delivered to the consumer without pollution, packaging or waste; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding is not only safe, but it prevents excessive neonatal mortality and could save over 800,000 children's lives a year worldwide, equivalent to 13% of all deaths in children under two, and prevent an extra 20,000 deaths from breast cancer every year; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Health wishes to acknowledge the Ocean County Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) for its continued commitment to providing promotion, protection and support of breastfeeding to the families of Ocean County, not only during "World Breastfeeding Week," but throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean County Board of Health that August 1-7, 2021 is hereby declared as "World Breastfeeding Week" in Ocean County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of the Commissioner and the Ocean County WIC program.

Name	Bacchione	Blake	Crea	Hill	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes				/	/	-	/	-	~
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent		/					,		

Secretary/Treasurer