

RESOLUTION

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November 10, 2021

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, drug and alcohol use impair judgment, delay reaction times, and can result in deadly consequences when driving; 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, in 2019, over 28 million US residents—11.2 percent of all residents ages 16 and up—drove under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances at least once. The consequences of this are severe; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were 10,511 traffic fatalities due to alcohol-impaired driving, an average of 1 death every 50 minutes. It was estimated in 2010 that alcohol-involved fatal traffic incidents cause more than \$44 billion in economic damage annually; and

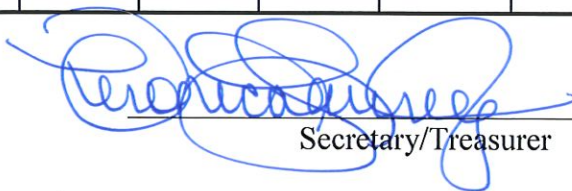
WHEREAS, impaired driving remains one of the single most serious threats to public safety in the United States. Until the number of these completely preventable deaths hits zero, we have to continue helping communities implement, expand and improve programs that provide treatment and accountability based on research-driven best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department administers the Ocean County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) which provides professional education and screening intervention to any county residents convicted of an alcohol or drug related motor vehicle violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim the month of December 2021 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 Commissioners, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, and the Ocean County Police Chiefs.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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