

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, National Flood Safety Awareness Week is an important awareness campaign that can educate the public on the dangers of flooding and steps they can take to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS, it floods nearly every day of the year somewhere in the United States. On average over the past 30 years, floods have claimed the lives of about 90 people annually, and caused about \$8 billion in damage; 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, each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near flood waters; 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, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, declares March 12-16, 2023 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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