

# RESOLUTION 110(23)

March 22, 2023

WHEREAS, May 1, 2023 kicks off Hurricane Preparedness Week. Sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) before the June 1 start of the Atlantic hurricane season, the week raises awareness of the hazards posed by hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, during National Hurricane Preparedness Week we must dedicate ourselves to preventing loss of life and damage to property by creating an understanding about hurricane hazards and taking action to protect everyone, their homes and their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, every year, hurricanes put communities at risk of catastrophic damage from storm surges, flooding, high winds, and tornadoes. It is important to note that even areas well away from the coastline can be threatened by dangerous flooding, destructive winds and tornadoes from these storms; and

WHEREAS, a community-based approach to emergency management begins with an informed public; everyone should know their evacuation routes, develop a family communications plan to help ensure loved ones can find one another before and after a severe storm, creating an emergency supply kit, as well as, having an emergency care plan for all pets in case of an evacuation, etc.; and

WHEREAS, if local officials ask you to evacuate, that means your pet should evacuate too. If you leave your pets behind, they may end up lost, injured or worse. Because emergency shelters and hotels may not allow you to bring them, know a safe place you can take your pets before a disaster or emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, does hereby proclaim May 1 through May 7, 2023 NATIONAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK and will assure our residents will have access to information about hurricane preparedness and response to help save lives and protect communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent					✓	✓	✓		

  
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