

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 "Talk. They Hear You" campaign goal is to help student assistance professionals, school leaders, and families to work together to support the needs of students who may be struggling with substance use, mental health, or school-related issues; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, with commitment and support, those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, barriers to accessing treatment facilities exist and are a significant problem for people with alcohol or drug use disorders; therefore, the Ocean County Health Department Alcohol and Drug Abuse Unit offers counseling for individuals and their families and referrals to treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Health in response to this concern has created a task force to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department also addresses the issues of alcohol and drug abuse in collaboration with the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Providers Advisor Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department oversees the Municipal Alliance Program which offers alcohol and drug prevention programs in almost every municipality in Ocean County to all ages and those of-risk for alcohol and drug abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaims the month of September 2023 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the County of Ocean; and the Ocean County Board of Health encourages all residents to promote the benefit of treatment and recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, and the Ocean County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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


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