

RESOLUTION

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September 27, 2023

WHEREAS, in 1985, Red Ribbon Week was established as the last full week in October, and since then it has served to raise awareness of the harms and risks associated with drug abuse, as well as prevent future use; and

WHEREAS, today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme for Red Ribbon Week is “Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug-Free,” is about making positive choices to be happy and healthy-that is being kind to our mind; and

WHEREAS, all segments of the community, health care workers, police officers, educators, school bus drivers, parents... people just like you and me, are examples of what we can achieve through self-dedication, care and commitment. The possibilities are endless when we work together; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County continues to promote healthy behaviors as preventative measures within schools and communities in order to reduce risky behaviors and future use; and

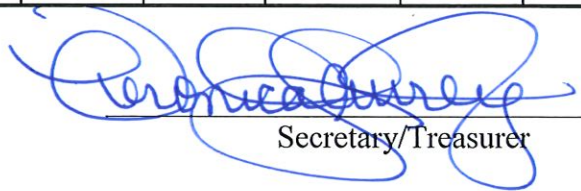
WHEREAS, each year, the Ocean County Health Department’s substance abuse prevention efforts continue to grow and reach all sectors of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department will continue to be dedicated to educating individuals, families, and communities about the life-changing effects of drugs and alcohol and encourage the adoption of healthy lifestyle choices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaims October 23-31, 2023 as **Red Ribbon Week** and during this week we encourage residents of Ocean County to work together as a community to educate ourselves about substance use prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities, and each other.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and made available for participating municipalities and other interested individuals on the Ocean County Health Department website.

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