

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, National Poison Prevention Week raises awareness of poison prevention nationwide during the third full week of March every year. The paramount goal of the week is to raise awareness of the risk of being poisoned by household products, medicines, pesticides, plants, bites and stings, food poisoning, and fumes ;and

WHEREAS, while also raising awareness to poison control centers and the New Jersey Poison Center Hotline (1-800-222-1222). Calling a poison center is faster and more accurate than using the internet for help and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, over 2 million potential poisonings are reported in the U.S. every year, with over 90% of these occurring in the home and the majority of them being young children; and


WHEREAS, every day over 300 children require treatment in an emergency room, with an average of 2 deaths being recorded per day. Most of these incidents involve highly toxic household items such as cleaning products and medicine; and

WHEREAS, the week ties into National Animal Poison Prevention Week, this week educates pet owners on what can poison their pets, how to spot the signs of poisoning, and how to help pets if they exhibit such signs; and

WHEREAS, poison control centers are always available to offer help and guidance when poisonings happen. Remember to contact Poison Control right away if you suspect a poisoning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, proclaims March 17-23, 2024 as **National Poison Prevention Week** and during this week we encourage residents of Ocean County to work together as a community to educate ourselves on poison prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities, and each other.

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