

RESOLUTION

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March 20, 2024

WHEREAS, **National Infant Immunization Week** (NIIW) was established to raise the profile of the infant immunization program and to serve as an observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, 14 million infants were not reached by vaccination services and during NIIW we remind people of the need for protecting children of ages two years and under from vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and the world and even when diseases are rare in the U.S., they can be brought into the country, putting unvaccinated children at risk; and

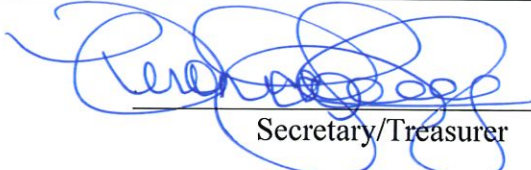
WHEREAS, it is important to vaccinate children on time, according to the childhood immunization schedule, to provide the best protection early in life, when babies are vulnerable and before they are likely to be exposed to diseases; and

WHEREAS, vaccines help protect both individuals and communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases. Routine childhood immunization among children born from 1994-2018 will prevent an estimated 419 million illnesses, 8 million hospitalizations, and 936,000 early deaths over the course of their lifetimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby proclaims the week of **April 22 – April 29, 2024** as NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK in Ocean County and encourage all parents to vaccinate their infants and children in a timely manner and referring those without medical insurance to Federally Qualified Health Centers to assure proper vaccination and medical care of infants, children and adults.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, CHEMED, and Ocean Health Initiatives.

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



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