

**RESOLUTION**

**322(24)**

November 13, 2024

WHEREAS, Every December during **National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**, we recommit to stopping avoidable traffic deaths and keeping America’s roadways safe by driving sober, raising awareness, helping each other get home, and supporting fellow Americans who are struggling with substance use; and

WHEREAS, drug and alcohol use impair judgment, delay reaction times, and can result in deadly consequences when driving; and

WHEREAS, the season between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day is what the **National Association of Drug Court Professionals** describe as “one of the **deadliest and most dangerous** times on America’s roadways due to an increase in impaired driving;” and

WHEREAS, the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)** reported that in 2018, **43% of drivers aged 65 and older** who died in crashes were alcohol-impaired; and as recent is April 2023 a research team examined data from the NHTSA between the years 2010–2018 and determined that older substance-impaired drivers were twice as likely to be at fault in fatal crashes; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving remains one of the single most serious threats to public safety in the United States. Until the number of these completely preventable deaths hits zero, we must continue helping communities implement, expand and improve programs that provide treatment and accountability based on research-driven best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department administers the **Ocean County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC)** which provides professional education and screening intervention to any county residents convicted of an alcohol or drug related motor vehicle violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey does hereby proclaim the month of **December 2024 as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month** in Ocean County and encourages safe and responsible driving for the mutual benefit of the motoring public and all pedestrians this holiday season and throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office, and the Ocean County Police Chiefs.

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