

RESOLUTION 2010-167

RECONGNIZING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, all children deserve to be nurtured, protected, and free of physical or emotional harm; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a significant social problem that damages the lives of children physically, mentally, and emotionally and inflicts immeasurable harm to our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Ocean recognizes that the State of New Jersey and the Department of Children and Families offer standards for its child abuse and neglect prevention programs based on the recognition that efforts to reduce child abuse and neglect are most successful when services and supports embody a strength-based, family support approach that builds on assets and positive characteristics of families and their environment; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Ocean further recognizes that the Department of Children and Families is committed to building a continuum of child abuse prevention and intervention programs as well as the resources and technical assistance needed to maintain a network of public/private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, schools and community-based organizations are the two prime locations for prevention and intervention services as these two portals are the broadest access to services for families; and

WHEREAS, all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts, the media, and private and public agencies have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in prevention during the month of April and throughout the year.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean joins the State of New Jersey in proclaiming April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges all Ocean County Municipalities and County Welfare Agencies to adopt similar resolutions.

CERTIFICATION

I, Diane B. Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on the 8th day of April 2010.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk