RESOLUTION 2014-172

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 26–MAY 3, 2014 AS "NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK"

WHEREAS, giving babies the recommended immunizations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in its history; and

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and the world, so continues vaccination is necessary to protect everyone from potential outbreaks. Even when diseases are rare in the U.S., they can be brought into the country, putting unvaccinated children at risk; and

WHEREAS, most parents vaccinate their children, with high vaccine coverage rates in the U.S.; 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, for 20 years, National Infant Immunization Week has encouraged parents, caregivers, and health care professionals to participate in educational, recognition, and media events to increase the awareness of the importance of immunizing children before their second birthday; and

WHEREAS, this year, National Infant Immunization Week will be celebrated as part of World Immunization Week, an initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) where all six WHO regions, including more than 180 Member States, territories, and areas will simultaneously promote immunization, advance equity in the use of vaccines and universal access to vaccination services, and enable cooperation on cross-border immunization activities in April 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 – May 3, 2014, 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 Chosen Freeholders, Ocean County Mayors, CHEMED, and Ocean Health Initiatives.

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 24th day of April 2014.

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk