

RESOLUTION 2015- 179

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROCLAIMING APRIL 2015 AS CHILD
ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the maltreatment, abuse and neglect of children is a significant social problem that damages children physically, mentally and emotionally and inflicts immeasurable harm on society as a whole and all children deserve to be nurtured, protected and free from physical or emotional harm; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey and the Department of Children and Families believe that the best place to raise children is among strong, healthy families; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is committed to building a continuum of community-based child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered and that achieve positive outcomes for parenting and family relationships, as well as empower domestic violence victims and their children; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families embraces the Standards for Prevention Programs developed by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, does hereby proclaim April 2015 as *Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month* and urges residents to become involved in efforts aimed at strengthening families and communities and preventing our children from being abused and neglected.

CERTIFICATION

I, Diane Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, in the County of Ocean and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at its Regular Business Meeting held on the 23RD day of April 2015.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk