

RESOLUTION 2015- 181

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2015 AS NATIONAL
ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, alcohol is the number one drug of choice for America's young people and a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young person's ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, the month of April will be filled with local, state, and national events aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism in schools, colleges, churches, and countless other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "For the Health of it: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction," and the month of April 2015 will be filled with local, state, and national events aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism, particularly among our youth, and the benefits of providing early education to give kids a better understanding of the impact that alcohol can have on their lives; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous-both to themselves and to society, and is directly associated with traffic fatalities, violence, suicide, educational failure, alcohol overdose, unsafe sex and other problem behaviors. Annually, over 6,500 people under the age of 21 die from alcohol-related accidents and thousands more are injured; and

WHEREAS, additionally, 7,000 kids in the United States under the age of 16 take their first drink and those who begin drinking before age 15 are four times higher to develop alcoholism than those who begin after the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,700 college students in the U.S. are killed each year – about 4.65 a day – as a result of alcohol-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, 25% of U.S. children are exposed to alcohol-use disorders in their family; and

WHEREAS, underage alcohol use costs the nation an estimated \$62 billion annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaims April as National Alcohol Awareness Month 2015 in Ocean County to increase awareness of the dangers and issues associated with alcohol abuse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ocean County LACADA members, and each Ocean County Mayor.

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 23th day of April 2015.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk