

RESOLUTION 2015- 317

WHEREAS, rabies is a viral disease that is transmitted through the saliva or tissues from an infected mammal to another mammal and is the deadliest disease on earth; and

WHEREAS, sixty thousand people worldwide die from rabies each year and most human cases are caused by a bite or scratch from an infected dog; and

WHEREAS, World Rabies Day promotes education on how to prevent and control the disease in animals; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department, through media outlets and additional educational materials, educates the public on limiting family and pet exposure to rabies; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department and local municipalities offer free rabies shots to dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department has clinics offering pre-exposure rabies vaccinations for anyone employed in a high risk occupation of becoming infected with rabies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health hereby proclaims the day of September 28, 2015 as World Rabies Day in the County of Ocean and encourages all residents to vaccinate their pets and become educated on the risk factors and warning signs of rabies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ocean County participating municipalities of the Ocean County Health Department, and the Ocean County Animal Facilities.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of October 2015, quorum being present and voting in the majority.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC, Municipal Clerk