

RESOLUTION 2016- 215

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 2016 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 overdoses, 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 of Ocean Committee proclaims April as National Alcohol Awareness Month 2016 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 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 14th day of April 2016.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk