

RESOLUTION 2016- 217

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 30 million kids and teens, in the U.S., participate in some form of organized sports in which 3 million suffer serious sports-related injuries and more than 3.5 million children, 14 years of age and younger, receive medical treatment for sports-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, sprains, strains, overuse injuries and fractures are the most common youth sports injuries and children going through growth spurts or exercising without adequate rest periods are most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, basketball, track, baseball, gymnastics, and swimming are the most common sports in which overuse injuries are seen. In addition to traumatic brain injuries, 8% of spinal cord injuries are sports injuries; and

WHEREAS, children are especially vulnerable to extremes of temperature and there have been deaths of high school football players due to heat stroke; and

WHEREAS, concussion legislation has now passed in 43 states and urges schools to adopt safety measures to protect students from injury or illness that occur in certain areas; and

WHEREAS, the plan requires that all schools have a comprehensive athletic care program and a health care team and assure safe practice and play facilities that are regularly inspected and cleaned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Ocean Committee proclaims the month of April 2016 as National Youth Sports Safety Month in Ocean County and encourages and supports all efforts of our schools in providing safety equipment to our youth and sports safety knowledge to all children involved in sports in addition to their parents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Ocean County Mayors.

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