

RESOLUTION 2016- 260

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROCLAIMING MAY 23-29, 2016 AS NATIONAL HEALTHY AND SAFE SWIMMING WEEK

WHEREAS, the week before Memorial Day has been designated “National Healthy and Safe Swimming Week”; and

WHEREAS, National Healthy and Safe Swimming Week will take place May 23-29, 2016, marking the ninth anniversary of this observance; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Healthy and Safe Swimming Week 2016 is Make a Healthy Splash: Share the Fun, not the Germs, focusing on the role of swimmers, aquatics and beach staff, residential pool owners, and public health officials in preventing drowning, pool chemicals injuries, and outbreaks of illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the theme highlights swimmer hygiene and the need for swimmers to take an active role in helping to protect themselves and prevent the spread of germs; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Americans get sick with recreational water illnesses, which are caused by germs found in places where we swim; and

WHEREAS, every day, two children under the age of 14 years die from drowning which is the leading cause of injury death for children 1-4 years of age; and

WHEREAS, when in the water, it is important to use life jackets that fit for younger or weaker swimmers, provide continuous, attentive supervision close to the swimmers even if there is a lifeguard and avoid alcohol and drugs when swimming or watching swimmers; and

WHEREAS, recreationAL water illness is preventable, but prevention requires swimmers to take an active role in protection themselves and other swimmers by practicing good hygiene, not swallowing pool water, checking diapers, etc. before entering the water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Ocean Committee does hereby proclaim May 23-29, 2016 as NATIONAL HEALTHY AND SAFE SWIMMING WEEK. We urge parents to take the steps to prevent germs from causing recreational water illnesses and to keep germs out of the pool in addition to taking steps to reduce the risk of drowning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the 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 12th day of May 2016.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk