

RESOLUTION 272(24)

September 25, 2024

WHEREAS, **Red Ribbon Week**, which is celebrated annually **October 23-31**, is the nation's oldest and largest **drug** prevention awareness program; and

WHEREAS, today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Red Ribbon Week is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug-Free," is about making positive choices to be happy and healthy-that is being kind to our mind; and

WHEREAS, businesses, government, law enforcement, media, health care providers, religious institutions, schools, and other community-based organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County continues to promote healthy behaviors as preventative measures within schools and communities in order to reduce risky behaviors and future use; and

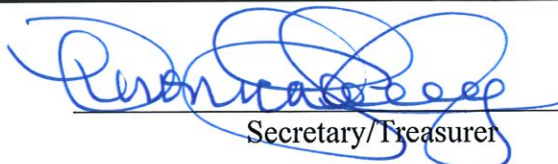
WHEREAS, each year, the Ocean County Health Department's substance abuse prevention efforts continue to grow and reach all sectors of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department will continue to be dedicated to educating individuals, families, and communities about the life-changing effects of drugs and alcohol and encourage the adoption of healthy lifestyle choices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaims **October 23-31, 2024**, as **Red Ribbon Week** and during this week we encourage residents of Ocean County to work together as a community to educate ourselves about substance use prevention and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities, and each other.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and made available for participating municipalities and other interested individuals on the Ocean County Health Department website.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Nays									
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