

RESOLUTION 2009-244

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZING APRIL, 2009 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, all the children deserve to be nurtured, protected, and free of physical or emotional harm; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a significant social problem that damages the lives of children, mentally, and emotionally and inflicts immeasurable harm to our society as a whole; and

Whereas, the Township of Barnegat recognizes that the State of New Jersey and the Department of Children and Families are committed to building a continuum of child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered, with a strong emphasis on primary child abuse prevention; and

Whereas, the Ocean County Board of Social Services further recognizes that the Department of Children and Families is committed to providing the resources and technical assistance needed to maintain a network of public/private partnerships and programs; and

Whereas, schools and community based organizations are the two prime locations for prevention and intervention services as these two portals are the broadest access to services for families; and

Whereas, all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts, the media, and private and public agencies have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in prevention during the month of April and throughout the year.

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Barnegat joins the State of New Jersey in proclaiming April, 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges all Ocean County Municipalities and County Welfare Agencies to adopt similar resolutions.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen T. West, Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by The Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 6th day of April 2009, in the Municipal Courtroom, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey 08005

Kathleen T. West, RMC
Registered Municipal Clerk