

RESOLUTION 2015-116

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZING NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK OF APRIL 18- 25, 2015

WHEREAS, giving babies the recommended immunization by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in its history; and

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and the world, so continued vaccination is necessary to protect everyone from potential outbreaks. Even when diseases are rare in the U.S., they can be brought into the country, putting unvaccinated children at risk; and

WHEREAS, most parents vaccinate their children, with high vaccine coverage rates in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is important to vaccinate on time, according to the childhood immunization schedule, to provide the best protection early in life, when babies are vulnerable and before they are likely to be exposed to diseases; and

WHEREAS, this year, National Infant Immunization Week will be celebrated as part of World Immunization Week, an initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) where all six WHO regions, including more than 180 member states, territories and areas will simultaneously promote immunization, advance equity in the use of vaccines and universal access to vaccination services, and enable cooperation on cross-border immunization activities in April 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Barnegat joins the Ocean County Health Department in proclaiming the week of **April 18 – 25, 2015** as **NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK** and encourage all parents to vaccinate their infants and children in a timely manner and referring those without medical insurance to Federally Qualified Health Centers to assure proper vaccination and medical care of infants, children and adults.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Health, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ocean County Mayors, CHEMED Health Center and Ocean Health Initiatives.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele A. Rivers, Municipal 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 Barnegat Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 4th day of May 2015, in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005

Michele A. Rivers, RMC
Municipal Clerk