

**RESOLUTION 2016-161**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZES THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2016 AS  
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, alcohol is the number one drug of choice for America's young people and a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young person's ages 10-21; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April will be filled with local, state, and national events aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism in schools, colleges, churches, and countless other community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme is "For the Health of it: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction." The month of April 2016 will be filled with local, state, and national events aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism, particularly among our youth, and the benefits of providing early education to give kids a better understanding of the impact that alcohol can have on their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous-both to themselves and to society, and it directly associated with traffic fatalities, violence, suicide, educational failure, alcohol overdose, unsafe sex and other problem behaviors. Annually, over 6,500 people under the age of 21 die from alcohol-related accidents and thousand more are injured; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally 7,000 kids in the United States under the age of 16 take their first drink and those who begin drinking before age 15 are four times higher to develop alcoholism than those who begin after the age of 21; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1,700 college students in the U.S. are killed each year-about 4.65 a day-as a result of alcohol-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, 25% of U. S. children are exposed to alcohol-use disorders in their family; and

**WHEREAS**, underage alcohol use costs the nation an estimated \$62 billion annually.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township committee of the Township of Barnegat that it hereby proclaims April, 2016 AS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH. To increase awareness of the dangers and issues associated with alcohol abuse.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ocean County LACADA members, and each Ocean County Mayor.

### **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 Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat at their regular meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

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Michele A. Rivers, RMC  
Municipal Clerk