

RESOLUTION 2016-163

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 16-23, 2016 AS, NATIONAL
INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK.**

WHEREAS, giving babies the recommended immunizations 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 and 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 children 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 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township committee of the Township of Barnegat that it hereby proclaims the week of April 16-23, 2016 as NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK in Barnegat Township and encourages 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 the resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ocean County Mayors, CHEMED, 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 Township Committee at their meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, on the 5th day of April 2016

Michele A. Rivers, RMC
Municipal Clerk