

**RESOLUTION 2018 - 187**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
SUPPORTING THE MASTER GARDENERS OF OCEAN COUNTY, TICK AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Master Gardeners of Ocean County, INC. was formed in 1990 and is a non-profit organization working in cooperation with the Ocean County Board of Freeholders and Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station to promote the mission of the Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer program by utilizing research-based information to educate the public throughout Ocean County on best practices in consumer horticulture and environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Gardeners of Ocean County, Inc., under the direction of the Rutgers Master Gardener Program, provides services for tick identification and have tracked the tick population in Ocean County since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past five years, Master Gardeners of Ocean County, Inc. has tracked an increase in the tick population; and

**WHEREAS**, while Lyme Disease cases are reported on in the Ocean County and New Jersey area, the U.S. Department for Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention has updated its pamphlet "Tick-borne Diseases of the United States 'A Reference Manual for Healthcare Providers'" to include additional less known diseases that impact the health of our citizens.

**WHEREAS**, these additional diseases include Anaplasmosis which is most frequently reported in areas that correspond with the known geographic distribution of Lyme disease; Babesiosis which is most frequently reported from the northeastern and upper Midwestern United States; Ehrlichiosis most frequently reported from the southeastern and south-central United States, from the eastern seaboard extending westward to Texas; Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever cases have been reported throughout most of the contiguous U.S.; Powassan virus infections have been reported primarily from Northeastern States and the Great Lakes region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Gardeners of Ocean County, Inc. are committed to provide tick identification and preventative information, as well as promote the awareness of diseases set forth by the Center for Diseases and Prevention to citizens of Ocean County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Barnegat Township Committee supports the Master Gardeners of Ocean County in recognizing June, 2018 as *Tick Awareness Month* in the Township of Barnegat, and encourages all residents to be cautious of these health effects.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Michele 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 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018.

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Michele Rivers, RMC  
Municipal Clerk