

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1961 Congress designated the third week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury or death in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths including prescription pain medicine and heroin remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States; and

WHEREAS, a poison is defined as anything that is taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person; and

WHEREAS, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk; and

WHEREAS, although the majority of reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and

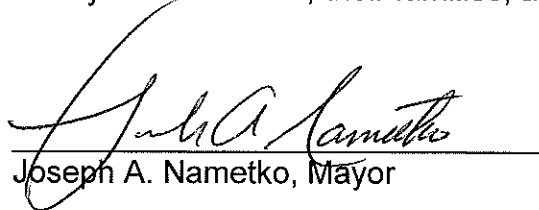
WHEREAS, the public can contact a poison expert through the Poison Helpline by calling (1-800-222-1222), chatting (www.njpies.org), or texting (8002221222@njpies.org), all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

WHEREAS, poison experts urge residents to use our services as a resource for poison and drug information instead of consulting the internet for information that may not be accurate; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the use of poison center services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Joseph A. Nametko, of the Borough of Netcong do hereby proclaim the week of March 18-23, 2019 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.



Joseph A. Nametko, Mayor