

# CITY OF CLIFTON, N. J.

**WHEREAS**, in 1961, Congress designated the third full 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**, poison is defined as anything taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person; and

**WHEREAS**, poisoning is a preventable illness, and from the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey, outnumbering deaths by motor vehicles and firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, drug overdose deaths, including those from prescription and over-the-counter medications, as well as illegal drugs such as heroin and methamphetamines, are the cause of death in approximately 94% of unintentional poisoning deaths nationally and 96% in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, poison centers across the country provide expert advice, drug information, and poisoning prevention education, and the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System, a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, provides such services to all New Jersey residents, and those in need of information, advice and education are encouraged to utilize their services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the week of March 17-23, 2019, to be

## NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON

and we urge all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.



**ATTEST:**

*Nancy Ferrigno*  
NANCY FERRIGNO, City Clerk

JAMES ANZALDI, Mayor  
PETER C. EAGLER, Councilman  
WILLIAM GIBSON, Councilman  
RAYMOND GRABOWSKI, Councilman  
LAUREN MURPHY, Councilwoman  
ROSEMARY PINO, Councilwoman  
MARY SADRAKULA, Councilwoman

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