

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DECLARING AUGUST 2023 AS "OCEANPORT LIONS CLUB MONTH"**

Resolution #2023-190
07/20/23

WHEREAS, the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB has served the Borough of Oceanport since 1952; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past seventy-one years, the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB has been an integral and important part of Oceanport's social, commercial and civic growth; and

WHEREAS, the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB has positively impacted the lives of thousands of Oceanport residents through its various fundraising programs that have provided food, education, scholastic scholarships, medical assistance, recreational opportunities, social opportunities, business opportunities and a great number of general public benefits; and

WHEREAS, generations of Oceanport residents have wonderful memories of the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB's annual Strawberry Festival and, later, the Strawberry Fair, the largest annual event of its type in Oceanport's long and storied history; and

WHEREAS, generations of Oceanport residents also have wonderful memories of the Oceanport Lion's Pool Club, which served as an aquatic and social center for families each summer for over four decades; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB raised and donated over a million dollars to support various beneficiaries on a local and statewide basis over the past seventy-one years; and

WHEREAS, most recently, the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB provided free vision screening to our schools for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, within the past sixty days the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB donated its vision screening equipment to the Oceanport Board of Education and donated the sum of \$12,500.00 to the Borough of Oceanport for the purchase of speed control devices which are to be installed throughout Oceanport; and

WHEREAS, sadly, on June 10, 2023 the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB held its final meeting at the Old Wharf Meeting House and Oceanport will no longer have its own chapter of the Lion's Club; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2023, OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB members Donny Mazza, Lou Deller (a former District Governor), Sheri Sidun, Joan Lennon (Club President), John Bonforte, Mark Barreca, Craig Sprung, Susan Sprung, Takeo Ishimasa (a former District Governor), Myong Deller, Matthew Schneider, Kevin Lennon, Yvonne Bova and Karl Perry met for the last time, talked about the various fundraising efforts that took place over the past seven decades, reminisced about members past and present, and honored those who have given so much of their lives towards making other people's lives better; and

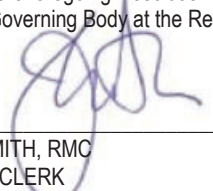
WHEREAS, simply stated, the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB is the largest and most active civic organization in Oceanport's history and the Borough of Oceanport is eternally indebted to its members for all they have done to make Oceanport a great place to live; and

WHEREAS, Oceanport would be remiss if it did not recognize the efforts of all the selfless individuals who have so freely given their time, effort and energy through the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB for the betterment of Oceanport; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport, on behalf of Oceanport's residents, both past and present, hereby thanks those who have served Oceanport over the past seventy-one years in the OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB, recognizes the benefits these wonderful people and this wonderful organization have visited upon our small town and declares **August of 2023** to be **OCEANPORT LION'S CLUB MONTH** in the Borough of Oceanport.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER:	Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Tvrdik

I certify that the foregoing Resolution #2023-190 was adopted by the Oceanport Governing Body at the Regular Meeting held July 20, 2023



JEANNE SMITH, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK