

PROCLAMATION

*From the Office of the Mayor
Borough of Barrington,
County of Camden, State of New Jersey*

POISON PREVENTION WEEK MARCH 20th - 26th 2011

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) (a division of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health, NJ Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)) is New Jersey's only certified poison control center; and NJPIES is celebrating 28 years of service to New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional injury death nationally; and approximately half of all accidental poisonings occurring each year happen to children under six years of age; and

WHEREAS, this non-profit organization provides free poison consultation, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 1-800 Poison Help Hotline; and consumers and healthcare professionals need and desire a source of information for their questions regarding the use of prescriptive and non-prescriptive medications; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES' Poison Help Hotline services are free and confidential and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and all NJ residents must be educated about the dangers posed by potentially poisonous household products and other toxic substances because these products, when not used as intended or directed, may be dangerous or fatal; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES is involved with the state's efforts at homeland defense, counter-terrorism, bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES encourages the public to use the resources of the Poison Control Center for emergencies, drug information, poison information questions, and public education services by calling the [Poison Help Hotline at 1-800-222-1222](tel:1-800-222-1222) or their website www.njpies.org, and educating the public about the Poison Control Center's services can help save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John D. Rink, Mayor, and Maureen Bergeron, Councilwoman and Director of Health, Welfare and Senior Citizens, along with the entire governing body of the Borough of Barrington, do hereby proclaim *MARCH 20th - 26th 2011* as

NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

and urge all citizens to take this opportunity to make their homes as safe as possible and to correct any potentially dangerous situations.



John D. Rink, Mayor



Maureen Bergeron, Councilwoman

Attest: 

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

Date: March 8, 2011