

TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK


WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially dangerous medicines, household products and chemicals, environmental contaminants, and other substances; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Control Center, a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School provides 24/7 expert poisoning treatment advice, drug information, and prevention education at no cost to the public accessing center services through the Poison Control Help Center where specialized medical professionals provide accessible, free, and confidential healthcare to all; and

WHEREAS, the poison center is instrumental in the surveillance and management of poisoning exposures across the state, including the use, misuse, and abuse of; medications, legal and illicit drugs, environmental contaminants, bioterrorism agents, and common household products and chemicals; and

WHEREAS, all residents should save the Poison Control Center's number, 1-800-222-1222, in their cell, home and office phones because a fast response can make all the difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL PUZIO, Mayor of the Township of Rockaway, do hereby proclaim the week of **March 15-21, 2020** 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.


MAYOR MICHAEL PUZIO
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