

RESOLUTION 2021-36

MONMOUTH COUNTY STIGMA FREE PLEDGE

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township, is a Township within Monmouth County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township promises to self-educate about stigma in its various forms; and learn how it affects other as it pertains to mental health and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township encourages others to seek assistance with any mental health or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township shows respect for and is inclusive of all people with differences such as mental illness, substance abuse disorders, physical/developmental disabilities, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, religion, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township will stand up for others online, in-person or anywhere who are targeted by bullies. Remember that bullying does just take place in a school and that many adults deal with bullying and intimidation in their daily lives; and recognize that bullying can occur in any setting and that people of any age may be targeted; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township will avoid language that puts someone down because of differences such as mental illness, substance use disorders, physical/developmental disabilities, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, religion, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township will be courageous and correct others when they use inappropriate language, slurs or other derogatory language about others. Silence shows agreement with this language; and

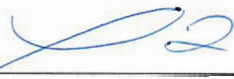
WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township will think about personal responses to daily situations and “check” our attitudes and initial judgement of someone who faces stigma in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township will remember that when recognition is coupled with re-education and understanding, health seeking action can be taken. Recognize that these actions can lead to recovery and that recovery is possible for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Colts Neck Township will fully stamp out stigma and clear the path to health seeking behavior. A stigma free world begins with me.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that together we can encourage acceptance and understanding. Together, we can advocate for a better world. Together, we can turn Stigma Free Me into Stigma Free WE”

I, Trina Lindsey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a resolution passed by the Township Committee of Colts Neck Township during a regular meeting held on the 27th day of January 2021


Trina Lindsey, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE					
	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Viola		X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo		X			
Fitzpatrick	M	X			
Torchia Buss	S	X			
Rizzuto		X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					