

RESOLUTION 141(18)

April 4, 2018

WHEREAS, asthma has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, affecting more than 24.5 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, this awareness month is held throughout May to coincide with the peak season for asthma and allergy sufferers as people who suffer from asthma and allergies often experience noticeable physical symptoms during this month; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a long-term, inflammatory disease in which the airways of the lungs constrict, causing wheezing breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing; and

WHEREAS, asthma is the third leading cause of hospital stays in children and is the leading chronic disease among children, affecting 1 in 10; and


WHEREAS, asthma accounts for 14.2 million doctor's office visits, 439,000 discharges from hospital inpatient care and 1.8 million emergency department visits each year; and

WHEREAS, exposure to allergens and irritants such as dust mites, mold, pet dander, certain insects, and secondhand smoke can bring on an asthma episode; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke worsens children's asthma in up to one million children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as Asthma Awareness Month and encourages our residents to identify and reduce their exposures to environmental triggers in homes and schools and incorporate environmental controls into their asthma management plans.

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