

**RESOLUTION 162(18)**

April 18, 2018

WHEREAS, May is National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. This month is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the importance of skin cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment, including basal cell, squamous cell, and melanoma.

WHEREAS, cancer of the skin is by far the most common of all cancers in the United States and in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, skin cancer accounts for nearly half of all cancer in the United States, with more than 3.5 million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancer being diagnosed in the country each year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the sun causes 90 percent of the non-melanoma skin cancers and other research links it to 65 percent of all melanomas; and

WHEREAS, each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than breast, lung, prostate and colon cancer combined; and


WHEREAS, the best ways to lower the risk of skin cancer is to avoid long exposure to intense sunlight and practice sun safety, including the use of sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 ; and

WHEREAS, it is important for people to know that skin cancer can be found early and people should be educated regarding signs and symptoms of skin cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims the month of May 2018 as MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH in Ocean County and will continue to educate the public on the dangers of skin cancer and encourage the use of sunscreen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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Ayes	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent		✓		✓					

  
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