

RESOLUTION 299(17)

December 13, 2017

WHEREAS, approximately 12,820 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed and approximately 4,210 women will die from cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer tends to occur in midlife; half of the women diagnosed with the disease are between 35 and 55 years of age. It rarely affects women under age 20 and approximately 20 percent of diagnoses are made in women older than 65; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the second most common type of cancer for women worldwide, but because it develops over time, it is also one of the most preventable types of cancer; and

WHEREAS, human papillomavirus (HPV) is found in about 99% of cervical cancers. There are over 100 different types of HPV, most of which are considered low-risk and do not cause cervical cancer; and

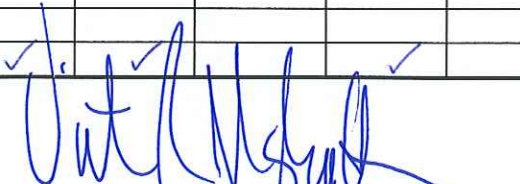
WHEREAS, HPV is estimated to be the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States. In fact, by age 50 approximately 80% of women have been infected with some type of HPV; and

WHEREAS, it is important for women to continue cervical cancer screening until at least the age of 70. Cervical cancer vaccines, including the HPV vaccine, are available that together with screening tests, provide a formidable and effective means of preventing this disease; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department continues to promote the HPV vaccination through several venues, including promotion through school nurses, immunization requirement letters to parents, and other relevant sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim January 2018 as Cervical Health Awareness Month and encourages all our citizens to recognize that cervical cancer is preventable, and to encourage and support the women in our lives in taking charge of their health and availing themselves of the tests and vaccines that have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer. We have the means to prevent this disease; it is incumbent on all of us to insure we have the will to do so.

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