

RESOLUTION 78(18)

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WHEREAS, March has been dedicated as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, excluding skin cancers, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's estimates for the number of colorectal cancer cases in the United States for 2018 are 97,220 new cases of colon cancer and 43,030 new cases of rectal cancer; and

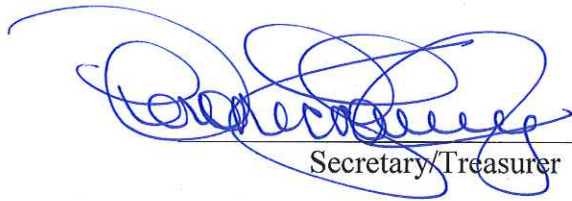
WHEREAS, while colonoscopy is a great screening test, not everyone is able to get one, but for them there are many other options, including CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy), guaiac-based fecal occult blood tests (gFOBT), fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) and stool DNA tests; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages should communicate with their family members about their history of colon cancer or polyps, so they can be screened at a younger age if there is a family history; and

WHEREAS overall, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is: about 1 in 22 (4.49%) for men and 1 in 24 (4.15%) for women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim the month of March 2018, as **National Colorectal Awareness Month**. We urge all Americans to observe this month by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and encourage them to take the proper preventive steps to stay healthy.

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