

# RESOLUTION 243(18)

September 5, 2018

WHEREAS, rabies is a viral disease that is transmitted through the saliva or tissues from an infected mammal to another mammal and is the deadliest disease on earth; and this year's theme is Rabies: Share the message. Save a life.; and

WHEREAS, fifty nine thousand people worldwide die from rabies each year and most human cases are caused by a bite or scratch from an infected dog; and

WHEREAS, World Rabies Day promotes education on how to prevent and control the disease in animals; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department, through media outlets and additional educational materials, educates the public on limiting family and pet exposure to rabies; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department through the Ocean County Animal Facilities and local municipalities offer free rabies shots to dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department has clinics offering pre-exposure rabies vaccinations for anyone employed in a high risk occupation of becoming exposed to rabies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health hereby proclaims the day of September 28, 2018 as *World Rabies Day* in the County of Ocean and encourages all residents to vaccinate their pets and become educated on the risk factors and warning signs of rabies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Ocean County Animal Facilities.

Name	Bacchione	Blake	Dasti	Hill	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent		✓							

  
Secretary/Treasurer