

RESOLUTION 284(18)

October 17, 2018

WHEREAS, on Thursday, November 15, American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout Event will take place; which is recognized and supported by the Ocean County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, nearly 38 million Americans still smoke cigarettes, and smoking remains the single largest preventable cause of death and illness in the world. Smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths every year, or about 1 in 5 deaths. More than 16 million Americans live with a smoking-related disease; and

WHEREAS, while the cigarette smoking rate has dropped significantly, from 42% in 1965 to less than 15.5% in 2016, the gains have been inconsistent. Some groups of Americans suffer disproportionately from smoking-related cancer and other diseases, including those who have less education, who live below the poverty level, or who suffer from serious psychological distress; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, smoking-related illnesses in the United States cost more than \$300 billion each year, including nearly \$170 billion for direct medical costs for adults and more than \$156 billion in lost productivity due to secondhand smoke and exposure; and

WHEREAS, quitting smoking delivers immediate health benefits. The longer a person avoids tobacco, the healthier they will get; therefore the Ocean County Health Department continues to offer educational programs to children to help avoid a future of smoking and works with others to help overcome their addiction; and

WHEREAS, new concerns are evident with the rise in teenage vaping and associated dangers inherent with nicotine.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Health Department proclaims November 15, 2018 as the day of the Great American Smokeout and will encourage our employees, their family members and our community to quit smoking to increase the benefits of their health and to also limit the exposure to second hand smoke to others.

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


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