

# RESOLUTION 84(19)

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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 estimates this year 95,520 people will be diagnosed with colon cancer, 39,910 will be diagnosed with rectal cancer, and 50,260 will die from this disease; and

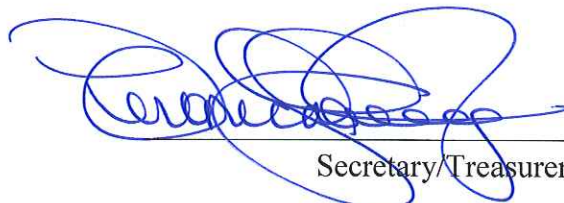
WHEREAS, while colonoscopy is a great screening test, not everyone is able to get one, but for them there are many other options, including CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy), guaiac-based fecal occult blood tests (gFOBT), fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) and stool DNA tests; and

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. Most of these cases (72%) occur in people in their forties; and

WHEREAS, on average, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is about 1 in 22 (4.4%) for men and 1 in 24 (4.1%) in women, however, this varies widely according to individual risk factors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health does hereby proclaim the month of March 2019, 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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