

RESOLUTION 169(19)

April 17, 2019

WHEREAS, May is National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. This month is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the importance of skin cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment, including basal cell, squamous cell, and melanoma.

WHEREAS, With over 5 million cases diagnosed in the United States each year, skin cancer is the *most common cancer* in the United States. Fortunately, skin cancer is also one of the most *preventable* forms of cancer. About 90 percent of non melanoma skin cancers and 85 percent of melanoma cases are associated with exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the sun causes 90 percent of the non-melanoma skin cancers and other research links it to 65 percent of all melanomas; and

WHEREAS, each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than breast, lung, prostate and colon cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, the best ways to lower the risk of skin cancer is to avoid long exposure to intense sunlight and practice sun safety, including the use of sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 30; and

WHEREAS, it is important for people to know that skin cancer can be found early and people should be educated regarding signs and symptoms of skin cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health proclaims the month of May 2019 as MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH in Ocean County and will continue to educate the public on the dangers of skin cancer and encourage the use of sunscreen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
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