

RESOLUTION 234(19)

July 17, 2019

WHEREAS, the annual observance of National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. NIAM was established to encourage people of all ages to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for them; and

WHEREAS, each year, children, adolescents and adults get sick or die from vaccine-preventable diseases or their complications; and

WHEREAS, the burden of vaccine-preventable disease occurs nationally and locally among people of all cultures, races and ethnic and societal groups; and

WHEREAS, when people are unvaccinated, outbreaks of diseases such as pertussis (whooping cough) and measles can, and do, return, as evidenced in the past few years; and

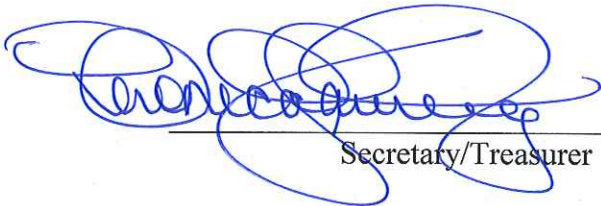
WHEREAS, many adults remain unvaccinated because they are unaware or misinformed about the safety of and need for vaccines beyond childhood; and

WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines are readily available to protect against disease, disability, and death from communicable diseases, including diphtheria, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, influenza, measles, meningitis, mumps, pertussis, pneumococcal disease, polio, rubella, shingles, tetanus and varicella; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department continues to promote vaccinations through its Tdap and Shingles Clinics and through its Community Health Improvement Plan by addressing immunization compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health hereby proclaims August 2019 as National Immunization Awareness Month by promoting and educating residents of Ocean County about the importance of vaccinations and urging parents and adults to make sure that they and their loved ones are up-to-date on their immunizations. Being vaccinated on time protects them, their families and our community from preventable diseases.

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


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