

RESOLUTION 259(20)

September 23, 2020

WHEREAS, in 1986, Congress designated the third full week in October to be International Infection Prevention Week, and since then, this week has helped to raise national awareness of the role infection prevention plays to improve patient safety; and

WHEREAS, because infection preventionists (IPs) are battling a global pandemic and keeping the world safer, this year's theme is "We Love Our IPs;" and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has shown the world what we've always known— infection preventionists (IPs) are essential to keeping the world safe. In addition to all the usual suspects (healthcare-associated infections, resurgence in measles outbreaks, flu season, etc.), the infection prevention and control community is fighting a global pandemic for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, International Infection Prevention Week is a great time to remind everyone about hand cleaning, flu shots, and other ways to protect themselves and their patients; and

WHEREAS, International Infection Prevention Week raises awareness of the role infection prevention plays to improve patient safety; and

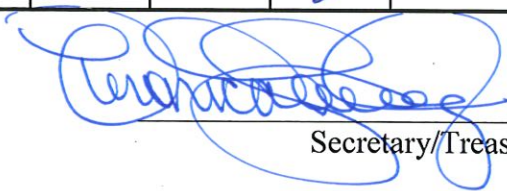
WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that at least 2 million illnesses per year in the United States are caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Worldwide, an estimated 700,000 deaths per year are caused by antibiotic-resistant organisms, and if current trends continue, annual deaths are predicted to reach a shocking 10 million by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, without urgent action, many modern medicines could become obsolete, turning even common infections into deadly threats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health hereby proclaims October 18-24, 2020 as **International Infection Prevention Week**, and during this week we encourage residents of Ocean County to work together as a community to educate themselves about infection prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities and each other.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and made available for participating municipalities and other interested individuals on the Ocean County Health Department website.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
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