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WHEREAS, March has been dedicated as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates this year 104,270 people will be diagnosed with colon cancer, 45,230 will be diagnosed with rectal cancer, and 52,980 will die from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, regular screening, beginning at age 50, is the key to preventing colorectal cancer. If you're 50 to 75 years old, you should get screened for colorectal cancer regularly. If you're younger than 50 and think you may be at high risk of getting colorectal cancer, or if you're older than 75, you should ask your doctor if you should be screened; 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, if you get tested regularly - before you have symptoms - growths in the colon or rectum (called polyps) usually can be found and removed before they have the chance to turn into cancer; and

WHEREAS, on average, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is about 1 in 23 (4.3%) for men and 1 in 25 (4.0%) 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 2021, 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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