

RESOLUTION 107(21)

March 17, 2021

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department joins the New Jersey Department of Health Office of Minority and Multicultural Health in the celebration of Minority and Multicultural Health Month during the month of April; and

WHEREAS, April is National Minority Health Month, and this year, the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) is focusing on the disproportionate impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on racial and ethnic minority communities and underscores the need for these vulnerable communities to get vaccinated as more vaccines become available. COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help us get back to normal, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to bring this pandemic to an end; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for National Minority Health Month is #VaccineReady. The focus will be to empower communities to: Get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines, share accurate vaccine information, participate in clinical trials, get vaccinated when the time comes, and practice COVID-19 safety measures; and

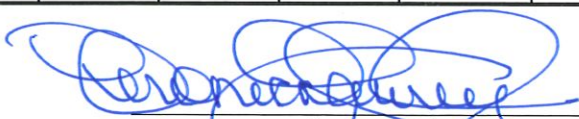
WHEREAS, each April, Minority and Multicultural Health is celebrated encouraging all community partners and faith-based organizations to join in promoting minority and multicultural health that promote healthy lifestyles including programs that promote prevention screenings, healthy eating and meal preparation, gardening and exercise; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, hypertension, and heart problems, which are preventable, affect disproportionately the ethnic and minority populations in the county; simple changes to one's daily routine can transform lives and reduce the risk of chronic diseases and other conditions that often are more common or severe among racial and ethnic minority groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health hereby proclaims April 2021 as Minority and Multicultural Health Month by promoting healthy lifestyles to all Ocean County residents in realizing that good health should be attained by all residents of all races and socioeconomic status by offering free COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, screenings on blood pressure, osteoporosis, stroke risk assessment, medication management and nutrition education in helping to promote good health for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, and the Ocean County Health Department Faith-Based Initiative.

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


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