

# RESOLUTION 135(21)

April 7, 2021

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; and

WHEREAS, cancers of the skin (most of which are basal and squamous cell skin cancers) are by far the most common of all types of cancer. According to one estimate, about 5.4 million basal and squamous cell skin cancers are diagnosed each year in the US (occurring in about 3.3 million Americans, as some people have more than one). About 8 out of 10 of these are basal cell cancers; and

WHEREAS, the risk of melanoma increases as people age. The average age of people when it is diagnosed is 65. But melanoma is not uncommon even among those younger than 30. In fact, it's one of the most common cancers in young adults (especially young women); and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for early detected melanoma is 99% and over 90% of melanomas are considered preventable. With that being said, one person dies nearly every half-hour from melanoma in the country; 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 2021 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 Commissioners.

Name	Bacchione	Blake	Crea	Hill	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Abstain									
Nays									
Absent									

  
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