May 12, 2021

WHEREAS, Community Health Improvement Week encourages all to recognize, raise awareness and increase understanding of community health improvement activities (i.e., screenings, child health, exercise promotion and weight reduction, including interventions aimed at the prevention of specific diseases, and smoking cessation) and the people and organizations that lead them; and

WHEREAS, community health is important first and foremost because health is largely a product of our everyday physical and social environment, and of our behaviors. Thus, supporting strong health through community interventions, programs and policies is a smart way to have a positive impact; and

WHEREAS, during this week, community health professionals and organizations raise awareness and increase understanding of the vital role of community health improvement strategies, as complementary to but distinct from individual medical care; and

WHEREAS, community health programs can reduce suffering by helping to prevent health problems and better manage chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, this week gives the opportunity to demonstrate the value and impact of community health initiatives, both within the organizations and to community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Improvement Week is a national event to recognize the important role hospitals, health systems and communities have in advancing health and well-being, as well as recognizing the dedicated community health professionals for their passion and dedication to improving the health of the communities they serve as demonstrated during the current COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, from hospital leaders and front-line staff to community health organizations and volunteers, people are taking steps big and small to help combat COVID-19, reduce its spread and cope with a new normal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Health recognizes and proclaims June 7-12, 2021 as National Community Health Improvement Week and celebrates all health care professionals that continually provide safe and high quality patient care and recognize their accomplishments, not just during this week, but at every opportunity through the year.

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Ayes		~				~	~		~
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Nays									
Absent				~					

Secretary/Treasurer