

RESOLUTION 144(22)

May 11, 2022

WHEREAS, each year, on June 27th, the National Association for People Living with HIV and AIDS (NAPWA) organizes **National HIV Testing Day**.

WHEREAS, this year, we observe NHTD as COVID-19 and HIV epidemics continue to affect our communities, the nation, public health departments, and healthcare facilities. As we approach NHTD, we want to recognize partners for their vital services that make HIV testing simple, accessible, affordable, and routine; and

WHEREAS, the NHTD theme for 2022 is **“HIV Testing is Self-care.” HIV testing is an act of self-care**, and knowledge of status is the gateway to engaging in prevention or treatment services that enable individuals, regardless of their status, to live a long and healthy life; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1.2 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV today. About 14 percent of them (1 in 7) don't know it and need testing; and

WHEREAS, the only way to know if you have HIV is to get tested. Knowing your HIV status gives you powerful information to keep you and your partner(s) healthy; and

WHEREAS, National HIV Testing Day encourages people to get an HIV test. The CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care. People at higher risk should get tested more often; and

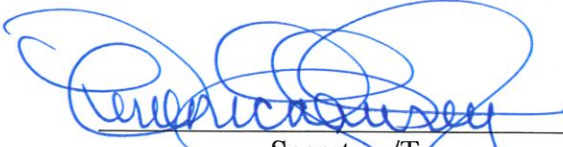
WHEREAS, with early diagnosis, individuals can be placed in treatment and care resulting in better health outcomes. Persons in treatment had a 96 percent reduction in transmission rate compared to persons not on treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department has offered HIV Counseling and Testing for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department continues to support this effort; therefore, HIV counseling testing referral along with HIV treatment and care clinics will promote National HIV Testing Day the entire month of June.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH proclaims the 27th day of June 2022 as National HIV Testing Day in Ocean County and urges all citizens who are at risk to be tested.

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