

**RESOLUTION**

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WHEREAS, World Tuberculosis Day was created by the World Health Organization to spread knowledge and awareness of tuberculosis, an infectious disease that kills millions every year. Tuberculosis is easily curable, but it can lie dormant and undetected for years, so it's important to spread awareness; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis (TB) is one of the world's deadliest diseases. Each day, over 4100 people lose their lives to TB and close to 28,000 people fall ill with this disease. Global efforts to combat TB have saved an estimated 66 million lives since the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, overall, about 5 to 10% of infected persons who do not receive treatment for latent TB infection will develop TB disease at some time in their lives. For persons whose immune systems are weak, especially those with HIV infection, the risk of developing TB disease is much higher than for persons with normal immune systems; and

WHEREAS, ending TB will require a dual approach of maintaining and strengthening current TB control priorities, while increasing efforts to identify and treat latent TB infection, especially in populations at increased risk for TB disease; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department, in addressing public health issues, continues to offer Mantoux testing, follow-up and treatment to any infected resident with TB; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department will provide investigations and further testing to possible contacts of those infected with TB; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Health and the Ocean County Health Department work together to identify, treat and support the individuals and families affected by TB.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, hereby proclaims Wednesday, March 24, 2023 as **National World Tuberculosis Awareness Day** and continues with its commitment to Ocean County residents within its jurisdiction to educate, identify, test and treat individuals affected by TB to prevent further spread of infection to any individual.

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



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