

**RESOLUTION 109(23)**

March 22, 2023

WHEREAS, National Melanoma Skin Cancer Prevention Month aims to raise awareness about skin cancer, increasing the chances of early detection so treatments can be given early. It's vital that skin cancers such as melanoma, a rarer & often deadly form of skin cancer, is treated early as later stage treatments are not normally effective; 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, skin cancer is more common in people with lightly pigmented skin; white people are more at risk. Those with fair or blonde hair, blue or green eyes, and those who burn easily are also more likely to get skin cancer; 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. One or more blistering sunburns during childhood or teenage years can cause skin cancer many years later; 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, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, proclaims the month of May 2023 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.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
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