

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, this year, we observe NHTD as the HIV epidemic 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 2023 is **“Prevention and Testing at Every Age.” Care and Treatment at Every Stage.** This year’s theme focuses on the prevention of new HIV infections, increased testing, and better access to care for individuals living with HIV; 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 continues to offer HIV Counseling, Free Testing and Preventative Medicine (PrEP); 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, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, proclaims the 27th day of June 2023 as National HIV Testing Day in Ocean County and urges all citizens who are at risk to be tested.

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