

RESOLUTION 206(23)

July 12, 2023

WHEREAS, the annual observance of National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are important to your overall health. Such as eating healthy foods, exercising, and getting regular check-ups, vaccines play a vital role in keeping you healthy. Vaccines are one of the most convenient and safest preventive care measures available; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. has a robust approval process to ensure that all licensed vaccines are safe. Potential side effects associated with vaccines are uncommon and much less severe than the diseases they prevent; and

WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines are readily available to protect against disease, disability, and death from communicable diseases, including diphtheria, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, influenza, measles, meningitis, mumps, pertussis, pneumococcal disease, polio, rubella, shingles, tetanus, varicella and COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, vaccination protects the person receiving the vaccine, but also helps prevent the spread of disease, especially to those that are most vulnerable to serious complications such as infants and young children, elderly, and those with chronic conditions and weakened immune systems; and

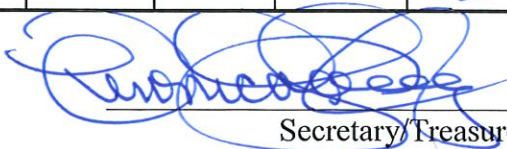
WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccinations throughout your life to protect against many infections. When you skip vaccines, you leave yourself vulnerable to illnesses such as COVID-19, shingles, pneumococcal disease, flu, and HPV and hepatitis B, both leading causes of cancer; and

WHEREAS, when people are unvaccinated, outbreaks of diseases such as, pertussis (whooping cough) and measles can, and do, return, as evidenced in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department continues to promote vaccinations through its COVID-19, Tdap and Shingles Clinics and through its Community Health Improvement Plan by addressing immunization compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, hereby proclaims August 2023 as National Immunization Awareness Month by promoting and educating residents of Ocean County about the importance of vaccinations and urging parents and adults to make sure that they and their loved ones are up-to-date on their immunizations. Being vaccinated on time protects them, their families and our community from preventable diseases.

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