

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease with a mission to help those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education and support services; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer became the most common cancer globally as of 2023, accounting for 12% of all new annual cancer cases worldwide; and

WHEREAS, being female and older in age are the main risk factors for breast cancer. Other risk factors include estrogen (made in the body), dense breast tissue, age at menstruation and first birth, taking hormones for symptoms of menopause, smoking, obesity, and not getting enough exercise; and

WHEREAS, men can also develop breast cancer, making up slightly less than 1 percent of those diagnosed each year. Radiation exposure, high levels of estrogen, and a family history of breast cancer can increase a man's risk of the disease; and

WHEREAS, no matter who you are or where you live, breast cancer may touch your life. It's necessary to understand the warning signs of breast cancer, your risk of breast cancer and what's normal for you so you can take action if there are any changes in your breasts or underarm areas; and

WHEREAS, about 43,600 women and 530 men in the U.S. were expected to die last year from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the overall death rate from breast cancer decreased by 1% per year from 2013 to 2018. These decreases are thought to be the result of treatment advances and earlier detection through screening; and


WHEREAS, although breast cancer screening cannot prevent breast cancer, it can help find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat. When detected early, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer is 99%; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department, through media outlets and additional educational materials, educates the public on the risk factors, screening methods and diagnosis for breast cancer. Our mission is to help those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education and support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby proclaims the month of October 2023 as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** in the County of Ocean and encourages all residents to get an exam for breast cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and made available for participating municipalities and other interested individuals on the Ocean County Health Department website.

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