

**RESOLUTION**

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September 27, 2023

WHEREAS, in 1986, Congress designated the third full week in October to be International Infection Prevention Week, and since then, this week has helped to raise national awareness of the role infection prevention plays to improve patient safety; this year's theme is "theme is **"Celebrating the Fundamentals of Infection Prevention"**" which highlights getting back to the basics of infection prevention for everyBODY; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has shown the world what we've always known—infection preventionists (IPs) are essential to keeping the world safe. In addition to all the usual suspects (healthcare-associated infections, Monkeypox outbreaks, flu season, etc.), the infection prevention and control community is continuing to fight a global pandemic for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, International Infection Prevention Week is a great time to remind everyone about hand cleaning, flu shots, COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters and other ways to protect themselves and their patients; and

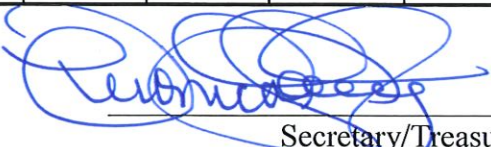
WHEREAS, no matter where we are, germs exist. They come in the form of bacteria and viruses. Preventing them from spreading an infection becomes a vital part of saving lives; and

WHEREAS, reminding everyone to keep their immunizations up to date, washing hands, following doctor's orders, and staying home when they are sick is a great way to observe International Infection Prevention Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby proclaims October 15-21, 2023 as **International Infection Prevention Week**, and during this week we encourage residents of Ocean County to work together as a community to educate themselves about infection prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities and each other.

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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