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WHEREAS, March has been dedicated as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. One in 24 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in their lifetime, but you can make a difference today. Many colorectal cancer deaths can be prevented by early and regular screenings. Nearly 90% of colorectal cancer is easily treatable when diagnosed in early stages; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer includes cancers of the colon, but also cancers that form in the rectum. It is the third most common cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on average, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is about 1 in 23 (4.3%) for men, and 1 in 24 (4.0%) in women, however, this varies widely according to individual risk factors; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, an estimated 153, 020 people will be diagnosed with this highly preventable disease. They will join more than 1.4 million colorectal cancer patients and survivors living today; and

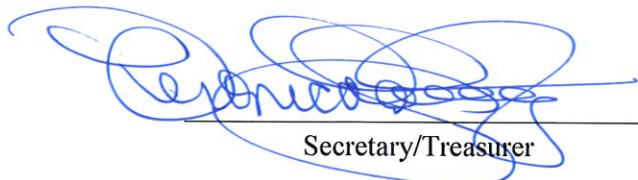
WHEREAS, screening for average risk individuals should begin at age 45. Those with a family history of polyps, colon, or rectal cancer should start 10 years prior to a loved one being diagnosed, or having a polyp found; and

WHEREAS, while colonoscopy is a great screening test, not everyone is able to get one, but for them there are many other options, including CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy), guaiac-based fecal occult blood tests (gFOBT), fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) and stool DNA tests; and

WHEREAS, if all adults 45 and older were screened for colorectal cancer we could avoid thousands of deaths each year and prevent many people from ever getting the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2024, as **National Colorectal Awareness Month**. We urge all Americans to observe this month by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and encourage them to take the proper preventive steps to stay healthy.

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