

RESOLUTION 125(24)

April 10, 2024

WHEREAS, **May is National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month**; and is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the importance of skin cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment, including basal cell, squamous cell, and melanoma; and

WHEREAS, with over 5 million cases diagnosed in the United States each year, skin cancer is America's most common cancer; skin cancer is also one of the most preventable cancers; and by sharing facts about the dangers of unprotected sun exposure and encouraging people to check their skin for warning signs, we can and will save lives; and

WHEREAS, the risk of melanoma increases as people age. The average age of people when it is diagnosed is 65. But melanoma is not uncommon even among those younger than 30. In fact, it's one of the most common cancers in young adults (especially young women); and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for early detected melanoma is 99% and over 90% of melanomas are considered preventable. However, one person dies nearly every half-hour from melanoma in the country; and

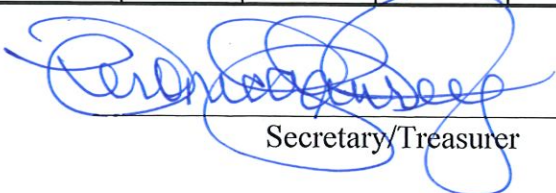
WHEREAS, the best ways to lower the risk of skin cancer is to avoid long exposure to intense sunlight and practice sun safety, including the use of sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 30; and

WHEREAS, it is important for people to know that skin cancer can be found early and people should be educated regarding signs and symptoms of skin cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, hereby proclaims the month of **May 2024** as **MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH** in Ocean County and will continue to educate the public on the dangers of skin cancer and encourage the use of sunscreen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
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