

RESOLUTION 271(24)

September 25, 2024

WHEREAS, in 1986, Congress designated the third full week in October to be **International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW)**, and since then, this week has helped to raise national awareness of the role infection prevention plays to improve patient safety; the 2024 theme is **“Moving the Needle on Infection Prevention”** with the goal to remind healthcare professionals and the public of the role everyone plays in infection prevention; and

WHEREAS, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) wants to emphasize the role that individuals can play in the health and safety of their community by showcasing the science behind infection prevention, the importance of countering misinformation, and inspiring the world’s future IPs to join the fight. I’d like to ask you to join us in encouraging everybody—healthcare personnel, patients, and families—to celebrate the bravery and expertise of the infection prevention and control community during IIPW week; and

WHEREAS, International Infection Prevention Week is a great time to remind everyone about hand cleaning, flu shots, COVID-19 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, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby proclaims **October 13 - 19, 2024** 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 certified 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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