

# RESOLUTION 172(24)

June 5, 2024

WHEREAS, the annual observance of **National Immunization Awareness Month** (NIAM) campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of vaccinating people of all ages against a number of serious and sometimes deadly diseases. The awareness month also celebrates the successes of the different immunizations that have been created in the 20th century and beyond; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are important to your overall health. Such as eating healthy foods, exercising, and getting regular check-ups, vaccines play a vital role in keeping you healthy. Vaccines are one of the most convenient and safest preventive care measures available; and

WHEREAS, vaccination is one of the best ways parents can protect infants, children, and teens from 16 potentially harmful diseases that can be very serious, may require hospitalization, or even be deadly; and immunizations are not just for children. Protection from some childhood vaccines can wear off over time. Adults may also be at risk for vaccine-preventable disease due to age, job, lifestyle, travel, or health conditions; and

WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines are readily available to protect against disease, disability, and death from communicable diseases, including diphtheria, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, influenza, measles, meningitis, mumps, pertussis, pneumococcal disease, polio, rubella, shingles, tetanus, varicella and COVID-19; and

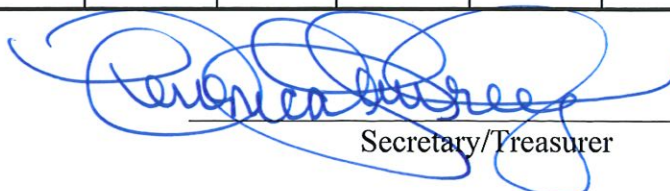
WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccinations throughout your life to protect against many infections. When you skip vaccines, you leave yourself vulnerable to illnesses such as shingles, pneumococcal disease, flu, and HPV and hepatitis B, both leading causes of cancer; and

WHEREAS, when people are unvaccinated, outbreaks of diseases such as, pertussis (whooping cough) and measles can, and do, return; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department continues to promote vaccinations through its influenza and COVID-19, Tdap and Shingles Clinics and through its **Community Health Improvement Plan** by addressing immunization compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey does hereby proclaim **August 2024 as National Immunization Awareness Month** by promoting and educating residents of Ocean County about the importance of vaccinations and urging parents and adults to make sure that they and their loved ones are up-to-date on their immunizations. Being vaccinated on time protects them, their families and our community from preventable diseases.

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