

**RESOLUTION 234(24)**

August 14, 2024

WHEREAS, **World Rabies Day** is the first and only Global Day of Action and awareness dedicated to rabies prevention. The observance reminds us of key current issues in rabies elimination, namely: the importance of dog vaccination and post-exposure prophylaxis, and the need for a united effort towards achieving elimination of this transboundary disease; and

WHEREAS, this year, the World Rabies Day theme is, **Breaking Rabies Boundaries**. The goal is to highlight the need to go beyond the norm and to break through the boundaries that prevent us from achieving rabies elimination. We need to move beyond the status quo so that we can achieve our collective goal of **Zero by 30**; and

WHEREAS, while rabies is a **100% preventable disease**, every year rabies kills 70,000 people worldwide. Dogs cause 99% of human rabies deaths outside the U.S; and

WHEREAS, today, safe and efficacious animal and human vaccines are among the important tools that exist to eliminate human deaths from rabies while awareness is the key driver for success of communities to engage in effective rabies prevention; and

WHEREAS, the **Ocean County Health Department**, through media outlets and additional educational materials, educates the public on limiting family and pet exposure to rabies; and

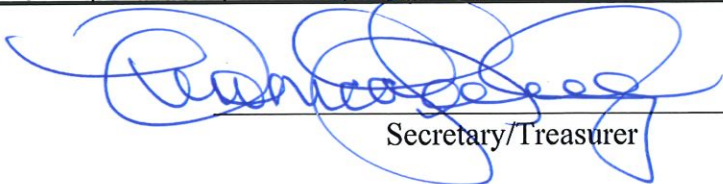
WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department through the **Ocean County Animal Facilities** and local municipalities offer free rabies shots to dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department has clinics offering pre-exposure rabies vaccinations for anyone employed in a high-risk occupation of becoming exposed to rabies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey does hereby proclaim September 28, 2024, as **World Rabies Day** in the County of Ocean and encourages all residents to vaccinate their pets and become educated on the risk factors and warning signs of rabies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and the Ocean County Animal Facilities.

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Ayes	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
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