

RESOLUTION 291(24)

October 23, 2024

WHEREAS, on Thursday, November 21, **American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout** event will take place; which is recognized and supported by the **Ocean County Health Department**; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society (ACS) champions this initiative, urging smokers to drop their cigarettes for 24 hours. It's a challenge for smokers to take that bold first step towards a smoke free life. The essence of this day goes beyond just quitting for 24 hours: it's about sparking a change a personal revolution against smoking.

WHEREAS, **tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease and death** in the United States. Preventing the use of tobacco products in youth is a very important step to help keep kids healthy and to help stop the tobacco epidemic. And if they've already started using cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or other forms of tobacco, helping them quit is critical to protecting their health now and later in life; and

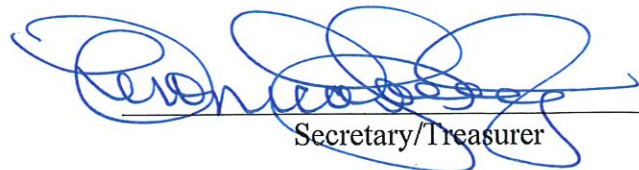
WHEREAS, on-going concerns are evident with the rise in teenage vaping and associated dangers inherent with nicotine. The long-term effects of e-cigarette use are still not yet known, the addictive effects of nicotine on young brains are, which is why the American Cancer Society, the Ocean County Health Department and many health agencies across the state continue important educational campaigns to raise awareness about the dangers of e-cigarette use; and

WHEREAS, nearly **34 million Americans** still smoke cigarettes, and smoking remains the single largest preventable cause of death and illness in the world. Smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths every year, or about 1 in 5 deaths. More than 16 million Americans live with a smoking-related disease; and

WHEREAS, it's never too late to quit using tobacco. The sooner you quit, the more you can reduce your chances of getting cancer and other diseases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey** hereby proclaims November 21, 2024, the Great American Smokeout and will encourage our employees, their family members, and our community to quit smoking to increase the benefits of their health and to also limit the exposure to secondhand smoke to others.

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