

RESOLUTION 274(24)

September 25, 2024

WHEREAS, every October communities around the country come together to recognize **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, a national campaign that promotes awareness, education, screening fundraising and more; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a time to honor those who have been treated for breast cancer or living with metastatic breast cancer. It's time to call the attention to the fact that breast cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in women in the U.S. with a woman diagnosed every 2 minutes; and

WHEREAS, being female and older in age are the main risk factors for breast cancer. Other risk factors include estrogen (made in the body), dense breast tissue, age at menstruation and first birth, taking hormones for symptoms of menopause, smoking, obesity, and not getting enough exercise; and

WHEREAS, no matter who you are or where you live, breast cancer may touch your life. It's necessary to understand the warning signs of breast cancer, your risk of breast cancer and what's normal for you so you can take action if there are any changes in your breasts or underarm areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, more than 360,000 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer. But there is hope. Advancements in early detection methods and support continue to increase chances of survival. When caught in its earliest stages, the 5-year relative survival rate of breast cancer is 99%; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department, through media outlets and additional educational materials, educates the public on the risk factors, screening methods and diagnosis for breast cancer. Our mission is to help those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education and support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby proclaims the month of October 2024 as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** in the County of Ocean and encourages all residents to get an exam for breast cancer.

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

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