

RESOLUTION 2012-528

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND "PRETTY IN PINK" DAY

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) and since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older and breast cancer deaths have declined; and

WHEREAS, this is exciting progress, but there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals; and

WHEREAS, women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African American women; and

WHEREAS, women below the poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years; and

WHEREAS, mammography use has increased for all groups except American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Society add that "if all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods – mammography plus clinical breast exam – breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent"; and

WHEREAS, "The key to mammography screenings is that it be done routinely – **ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH**"; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department in collaboration with the Ocean County Cancer Coalition and the Long Beach Island Health Department has announced that October 17, 2012 will be celebrated as Ocean County's "**Pretty in Pink Day**"; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat encourages all residents to wear pink on Wednesday, October 17, 2012; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, does hereby proclaim October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and urges all women and their families in the Township of Barnegat and in New Jersey to get the facts about mammography.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 15th day of October 2012, in the Municipal Courtroom, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ 08005

Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk