RESOLUTION 2015-114

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZING APRIL AS "MINORITY AND MULTICULTURAL HEALTH MONTH"

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat joins the Ocean County Health Department, and the New Jersey Department of Health Office of Minority and Multicultural Health in the celebration of Minority and Multicultural Health during the month of April with the theme for 2015 "Prevention is Power: Taking Action for Health Equity!; and

WHEREAS, health equity is an attainment of the highest level of health for all people; and

WHEREAS, each April, Minority and Multicultural Health is celebrated encouraging all community partners and faith-based organizations to join in promoting minority and multicultural health that promotes healthy lifestyles including programs that promote prevention screenings, healthy eating and meal preparation, gardening and exercise; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, hypertension and heart problems, which are preventable, affect disproportionately the ethnic and minority populations in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Health Department will continue to offer its "LIVE HEALTHY OCEAN COUNTY" program at various sites within Ocean County in addition to screening programs including blood pressure and osteoporosis screening, Mobile Stroke Risk Assessment Program, and Medication Management programs at various locations throughout Ocean County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Barnegat, along with the Ocean County Health Department, proclaims April 2015 as Minority and Multicultural Health Month by promoting healthy lifestyles to all Barnegat Township residents in realizing that good health should be attained by all residents of all races and socioeconomic status by offering free screenings on blood pressure, osteoporosis, stroke risk assessment, medication management and nutrition education in helping to promote good health for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Health Department, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Mayors of Ocean County municipalities, and the Ocean County Health Department Faith-Based Initiative.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele A. Rivers, Municipal 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 Barnegat Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 4th day of May 2015, in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005.