## **RESOLUTION 2017-184**

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat joins the New Jersey Department of Health Office of Minority and Multicultural Health in the celebration of Minority and Multicultural Health Month during the month of April 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 promote healthy lifestyles including programs that promote prevention screenings, healthy eating and meal preparation, gardening and exercise; and

**WHEREAS,** chronic disease 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 committee of the Township of Barnegat joins the Ocean County Board of Health and proclaims April 2017 as Minority and Multicultural Health Month by promoting healthy lifestyles to all Barnegat Township, Ocean County 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 Board of Chosen Freeholders, Mayors of participating 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 Township Committee at their meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017

Michele A. Rivers, RMC Municipal Clerk