

RESOLUTION 2014-286

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTS RAISING AWARENESS OF FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA (F.O.P.)

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva is an illness characterized by normal bone forming in muscles and connective tissue, forming an extra skeleton that immobilizes the body; and

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva affects children, usually in the first or second decade of life being diagnosed by the age of ten, depriving them of normal development; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 2,500 people worldwide are afflicted with Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, with 200 diagnosed cases in the United States and 12 cases in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, currently the University of Pennsylvania is the only medical research facility investigating a cure for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva; and

WHEREAS, numerous states, countries and international organizations have joined together to increase public awareness of this devastating, rare genetic disorder, to promote research to find the cure; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat wishes to help to increase awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva and to provide public support to find a cause and a cure for this devastating disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat wishes to help raise awareness of this devastating disease and support research to find a cause and cure for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva. We urge all residents of Barnegat Township to learn about this devastating disorder with the hope of developing a treatment and cure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor of Wall Township and Mr. Gary Whyte, of the F.O.P. awareness campaign.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 5th day of May 2014 in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005

Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk