

RESOLUTION 2014 - 186

**RAISING AWARENESS OF  
FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA**

**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 Ocean 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**, The Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, wishes to raise awareness of this devastating disease and support research to find a cause and cure for **Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva**. We urge all residents of the Township to learn about this devastating disorder with the hope of developing a treatment and cure.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Diane Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, in the County of Ocean and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at its Regular Business Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk