

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Borough of Bradley Beach, having made this Proclamation on behalf of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva known as F.O.P. to hopefully one day display a Proclamation/Resolution book in Washington, D.C. on behalf and in support of the children/young adults in the state of New Jersey afflicted with F.O.P. and equally show concern for all other children afflicted with F.O.P.; and

WHEREAS, Gary W. Whyte, of Mountainside, New Jersey, having just completed his 13th Annual Comedy Show Fund Raiser for F.O.P. in which monies raised go directly towards the purchase of research equipment. And Michele Charlesworth of Channel 7 Eyewitness News who attended the March fund raiser and spoke about it on her Sunday morning broadcast the next day; and

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressive is a rare genetic condition in which the body makes additional bone where bone should not form, such as within muscle, tendons, ligaments and other connective tissues. Symptoms of FOP include excruciating pain and distortion of the existing skeletal frame; and

WHEREAS, A gene has been identified after 15 years of hard research by the University of Pennsylvania, the only known research facility currently investigating a cure for this; and

WHEREAS, Discoveries made in the F.O.P. lab by scientists and researchers may aid in the treatment or cure for other genetic diseases such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and spinal cord injuries; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of FOP usually begin in the first or second decade of life, with the majority of patients diagnosed by age 10, depriving children of normal development. One in every seven Americans suffers from musculoskeletal impairment causing physical disability and severe long-term pain. FOP affects approximately 2,500 people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Bradley Beach commends Gary W. Whyte and his wife and three sons for their dedication in making others aware of this affliction and for their work and support for the benefit of F.O.P. research;

THEREFORE, Honorable Gary Engelstad Mayor of the Borough of Bradley Beach does hereby Proclaim to acknowledge and help enlighten the people of the United States with the book being sent to Washington, D.C. emphasizing the needed awareness of F.O.P.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
AND SEAL OF THE
Borough of Bradley Beach
THIS 22nd DAY OF July, 2014**

Gary Engelstad
MAYOR