

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
R-36-18

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE F.O.P.
FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVE AWARENESS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva { FOP } is a rare genetic condition in which the body makes additional bone in locations where bone should not form, such as within muscles, tendons, ligaments, and other connective tissues, which in time produces a ' second skeleton ' that immobilizes the joints of the body; and

WHEREAS, one in every seven Americans suffer from musculoskeletal impairment causing physical disability and severe long-term pain; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of FOP usually begin in the first or second decade of life, with the majority of patients diagnosed by the age of 10 depriving children of normal development; and

WHEREAS, FOP is considered an orphan disease whereby it affects so few people and there are less than 12 diagnosed cases in New Jersey and approximately 200 in the nation; and

WHEREAS, musculoskeletal research is close to achieving major breakthroughs that likely will change and simplify the way bone and joint disorders are treated and prevented throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for greater awareness of this disorder, its symptoms and the obstacles faced by persons and families affected by this disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Mayor and Committee, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, hereby applaud and recognize Gary W. Whyte as an outstanding individual for his tenacious drive to support and help so many within the community for the awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva { FOP }, and urge the medical community to continue researching for treatment and a cure for this rare genetic disorder.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on February 13, 2018.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk

Leah Vassallo, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on February 13, 2018.

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk