

Ms. Ryan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-14-126
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 Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands 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 Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands 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 Borough of Highlands to learn about this devastating disorder with the hope of developing a treatment and cure.

Seconded by Mr. Redmond and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Nolan, Ms. Kane
ABSTAIN: None

DATE: May 7, 2014

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk