

TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER
County of Burlington
State of New Jersey

Resolution Number 2018-37

**A 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' immobilizes the joints of the body; and

WHEREAS, one in every seven Americans suffer from musculoskeletal impairment causing physical disabilities 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 Mayor and Committee of the Township of New Hanover, County of Burlington 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.


Dennis Roohr, Mayor

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of New Hanover, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on the 20th day of February, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of New Hanover the 20th day of February, 2018.


Adel Gianaris
Deputy Clerk

Record of Vote

	Moved	Second	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Koshak			✓			
Murphy			✓			
Peterla		✓	✓			
Rigney	✓		✓			
Roohr			✓			