WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) 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, the symptoms of FOP usually begin in the first or second decade of life, with the majority of patients diagnosed by age ten (10), depriving children of normal development. One (1) in every seven (7) Americans suffers from a musculoskeletal impairment causing physical disability and severe long-term pain. FOP affects approximately 2,500 people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the University of Pennsylvania is currently the only known research facility investigating a cure for FOP. On April 24, 2006, the university announced the discovery of the gene that causes FOP. Now researchers and scientists can concentrate their work on finding a cure or treatment for such a debilitating disease. Discoveries made in the FOP laboratory may, also, aid in research of other genetic diseases such as osteoporosis, arthritis and spinal cord injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette to support additional funding from the Federal government for research and treatment of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP).

CERTIFICATION

I, AnnaRose Fedish, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly authorized by the Township Committee on this 6th day of May, 2014.

AnnaRose Fedish, RMC
Municipal Clerk