Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

NATIONAL PRIMARY IMMUNO DEFICIENCIES DISEASES AWARENESS

Designating April 2019 as National Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases Awareness Month and supporting efforts to increase awareness of Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases and increase funding for Primary Immunodeficiencies disease research.

WHEREAS, Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases are chronic, disabling Diseases in which underlying genetic defects in the immune system lead the body to more complicated and frequent infections;

WHEREAS, Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases can affect any part of the body, including the blood, blood vessels, muscles, nervous system, gastrointestinal tract, endocrine glands, and multiple-organ systems, and can be life-threatening;

WHEREAS, researchers have identified over 200 different Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases;

WHEREAS, the family of Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases is under-recognized, and poses a major health care challenge to the United States;

WHEREAS, Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases most often affect children and adults, leading to a lifetime of disability;

WHEREAS, diagnostic tests for most Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases are not standardized, making Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases very difficult to diagnose;

WHEREAS, because Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases are difficult to diagnose, treatment is often delayed, resulting in irrepairable organ damage and unnecessary suffering;

WHEREAS, a study by the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) revealed that it takes the average patient with an Primary Immunodeficiencies disease between 9 to 12 years to be diagnosed correctly;

WHEREAS, there is a significant need for more collaboration and cross-fertilization of basic Primary Immune Deficiencies research;

WHEREAS, the LDF is a coalition focused on Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases working to consolidate the voices of patients with Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases and to promote increased education, awareness, and research into all aspects of Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases through a collaborative approach; and

WHEREAS, designating April 2019 as National Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases Awareness Month would help educate the public about Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases and the need for research funding, accurate diagnosis and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Fiore J. Masci, Mayor of the Township of Millstone, ask that all residents of this community join me in supporting the Awareness of Primary Immunodeficiencies Diseases

PROCLAIMED this 3rd. day of April 2019

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Fiore J. Masci, Mayor