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PROCLAMATION BY THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE
DECLARING MARCH AS "MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, Multiple myeloma (or myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. It is called "multiple" because the cancer can occur at multiple sites; and

WHEREAS, Multiple myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 losing their battle each year; and

WHEREAS, Once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under 65; and

WHEREAS, Because myeloma is a rare disease there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment. For this reason an increased awareness of myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

WHEREAS, Continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for myeloma patients; and

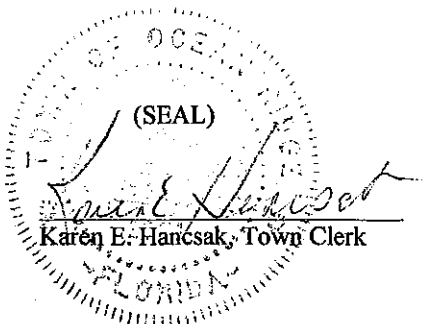
WHEREAS, Although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for myeloma; and

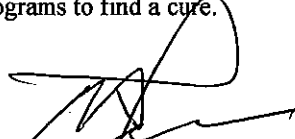
THUS, the Town of Ocean Ridge is committed to increasing awareness of myeloma and encouraging private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor of the Town of Ocean Ridge, do hereby proclaim March 2014,

"MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH"

In Ocean Ridge, Florida, and encourage all residents to join me in participating in voluntary activities to support myeloma education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.





Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor

Karen E. Hancsak

From: Dawn Toimil <dawn8992@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:00 AM
To: Karen E. Hancsak
Subject: Fw: March is Myeloma Awareness Month - Can we do a Proclamation?
Attachments: Proclamation for Myeloma Awareness Month.doc

Hello Karen,

March is Myeloma Awareness Month and I was hoping the town of Ocean Ridge would award a proclamation declaring this at your March meeting.

I co-lead a support group in Palm Beach County for Multiple Myeloma, a blood cancer. Our group started in November of 2011 with six members. We now have 69 members, drawn from throughout the county. Multiple Myeloma accounted for approximately 1% of all cancers when I was diagnosed in 2010, and since that time it is approaching 2%. It is the number one cancer affecting survivors and first responders to 911. Famous people affected by multiple myeloma include Geraldine Ferraro, Peter Boyle and Sam Walton.

I recently purchased a home in Ocean Ridge and would like to spread the word that our group is available for sufferers of this cancer. The sample proclamation, provided by the International Myeloma Foundation, or IMF, (myeloma.org) is attached. Last year, the cities of Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, West Palm Beach and Palm Beach County all declared proclamations.

Please let me know if I can provide more information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dawn Toimil
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