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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

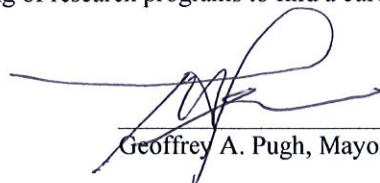
THUS, the Town of Ocean Ridge is committed to increasing awareness of myeloma and encouraging private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor of the Town of Ocean Ridge, do hereby proclaim March 2015,

**"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.

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