

PROCLAMATION,

*From the Office of the Mayor
Borough of Barrington/Camden County
State of New Jersey*

RARE DISEASE DAY FEBRUARY 29, 2012 "RARE BUT STRONG TOGETHER"

WHEREAS, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) and others around will be observing Rare Disease Day on February 29. The purpose is to focus attention on the needs of patients and families affected by rare diseases. NORD was established in 1983 and provides advocacy, education, research and patient services on behalf of rare disease patients, families, and patient organizations, and

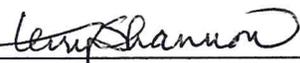
WHEREAS, in the United States, any disease affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans is considered rare. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), there are nearly 7,000 such diseases affecting nearly 30 million Americans. Studies have shown that it often takes five years or longer to get an accurate diagnosis of a rare disease. In addition, only about 200 of the diseases classified as rare have approved treatments, and

WHEREAS, the challenges of living with a rare disease include, but are not limited to, difficulty in receiving a timely, accurate diagnosis, too little research, too few treatments, reimbursement or other issues affecting access to treatments, a sense of isolation, and difficulty finding medical experts;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Borough of Barrington recognizes February 29, 2012, as **RARE DISEASE DAY**, with the theme - "**RARE BUT STRONG TOGETHER**" and encourage our residents, health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations to visit the website <http://www.rarediseases.org> and help to raise awareness to the challenges, medical attention and needs of those diagnosed with a "rare disease".




Robert Klaus, Mayor

Attest: 
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

Date: February 14, 2012