

# Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

## NATIONAL PRIMARY IMMUNO DEFICIENCIES DISEASES AWARENESS

*Designating April 2015 as National Primary Immuno Deficiencies Diseases Awareness Month and supporting efforts to increase awareness of Primary Immuno Deficiencies Diseases and increase funding for Primary Immuno Deficiencies disease research.*

*WHEREAS, Primary Immuno Deficiencies 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 Immuno Deficiencies 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 Immuno Deficiencies Diseases;*

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

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

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

*WHEREAS, because Primary Immuno Deficiencies Diseases are difficult to diagnose, treatment is often delayed, resulting in irreparable organ damage and unnecessary suffering;*

*WHEREAS, a study by the Immuno Deficiency Foundation (IDF) revealed that it takes the average patient with an Primary Immuno Deficiencies 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 Immuno Deficiencies research;*

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

*WHEREAS, designating April 2015 as National Primary Immuno Deficiencies Diseases Awareness Month would help educate the public about Primary Immuno Deficiencies Diseases and the need for research funding, accurate diagnosis and effective treatments.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Robert J. Kinsey, Mayor of the Township of Millstone, ask that all residents of this community join me in supporting the Awareness of Primary Immuno Deficiencies Diseases*

*PROCLAIMED this 1<sup>st</sup>, day of April 2015*

Robert J. Kinsey, Mayor