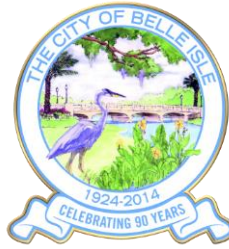


CITY OF BELLE ISLE



Proclamation

Declaring May 2017

Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month

- Whereas,** NF causes tumors to grow on nerves anywhere in the body, bone and skin tumors, bone deformities such as spinal scoliosis; leg bowing or twisting, café au lait spots on the skin, deafness, blindness; learning disabilities; debilitating pain, heart defects, malignancies, and even death; and
- Whereas,** NF is a genetically-determined disorder which affects more than 2 million people worldwide; this makes NF more prevalent than cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and Huntington's Disease combined; and
- Whereas,** NF is the most common neurological disorder caused by a single gene, is global in distribution, affects both sexes equally and has no particular racial or ethnic distribution. Therefore, NF can appear in any family; and
- Whereas,** While over 125,000 Americans are afflicted with NF and one of every 3,000 newborns will be born with the disorder, NF's devastating effects and the need for funding for research to prevent, treat and cure NF it still is relatively unknown to the public;
- Whereas,** The Children's Tumor Foundation (www.ctf.org, 800-323-7938) leads the efforts to fund critical research aimed at finding the causes of the disorder and developing treatments and a cure, and to provide support to people and families affected by NF; and
- Whereas,** NF research benefits an additional 100 million Americans (i.e. 65 million with cancer and 35 million with learning disabilities); and
- Whereas,** The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as National Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month to inform the public about this common genetic disorder;

Now Therefore, I, Lydia Pisano, Mayor, in recognition of this important initiative, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2017 as

"Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month"

In the City of Belle Isle, and urge our citizens to join the Children's Tumor Foundation's effort to increase awareness of the importance of finding a treatment and a cure to NF.

Attest _____

Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

Mayor Lydia Pisano