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Resolution recognizing October 12-20, 2004 as National Bone and Joint Decade Awareness Week, and encouraging the promotion of education and greater awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva in the City of New York.

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Whereas, President George W. Bush has recognized the importance of musculoskeletal research by proclaiming 2002-2011 to be National Bone and Joint Decade; and

Whereas, Every year, October 12-20 is recognized as the Bone and Joint Decade's National Awareness Week; and

Whereas, The Bone and Joint Decade initiative is a global campaign to improve quality of life for people with musculoskeletal conditions and to advance understanding and treatment of these conditions through research, prevention and education; and

Whereas, According to the Bone and Joint Decade organization, more than 35 million Americans, one in seven people, have restricted mobility caused by a musculoskeletal disorder; and

Whereas, One such musculoskeletal disorder is Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP), a rare genetic disorder which causes bone to form in muscles, tendons, ligaments and other connective tissues; and

Whereas, FOP is a disease which appears early in a child's life and results in painful swelling and the binding of joints often beginning in the neck, spine and shoulder, and progressing along the back, trunk and limbs of the body; and

Whereas, According to the International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Association (IFOPA), it is estimated that FOP affects at least 2500 people worldwide; and

Whereas, Current medical treatment of the disease is limited and any attempt to surgically remove the extra bone often results in more bone formation; and

Whereas, According IFOPA, there is only one known research facility worldwide, the University of Pennsylvania, investigating a cure for FOP at the present time; and

Whereas, Additional funding for research and public awareness of this devastating, rare genetic disorder is necessary in order to eliminate misdiagnosis, develop a treatment and discover a cure for FOP; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York recognizes October 12-20, 2004 as National Bone and Joint Decade Awareness Week, and encourages the promotion of education and greater awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva in the City of New York.

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