

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 26 AS MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, mesothelioma is an aggressive, asbestos-related cancer that affects the lining of the lungs, abdomen, heart or testicles; and

WHEREAS, the heavy use of asbestos in manufacturing, industry and construction has been recognized as the worst occupational health disaster in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, asbestos was used in the construction of virtually all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before 1975; and

WHEREAS, a high percentage of all mesothelioma victims were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards; and

WHEREAS, this is now believed to include many of the firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers from Ground Zero on 9/11/01; and

WHEREAS, exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can result in mesothelioma 30 years later; and

WHEREAS, because of occupational, Navy-service related, household, or even incidental exposures and the very long latency of the disease, tens of millions of Americans are now at risk for developing mesothelioma; and

WHEREAS, for decades the need for research to develop effective treatments for mesothelioma was overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the result of this neglect is that treatments available today generally have only limited effect and most patients die within only 12 to 15 months from diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation was formed to eradicate the life-ending and vicious effects of mesothelioma, and early progress in developing effective treatments for the disease is now being made; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Mesothelioma Awareness Day would raise public awareness of the disease and of the need to develop effective treatments for it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey on this 19th day of September, 2013, that September 26, be hereby declared Mesothelioma Awareness Day in West Deptford Township, New Jersey.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

By: 
RAYMOND CHINTALL, Mayor

ATTEST:


AMY LESO, RMC, Township Clerk