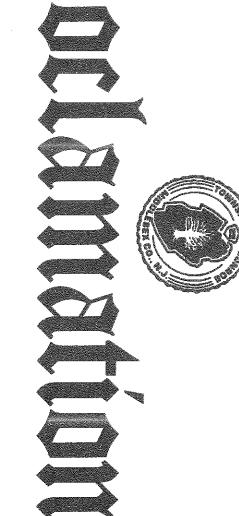


## Pie of the Mayor



## Becker Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month

## **March 2018**

- WHEREAS, give muscles structure and strength; and disorder that occurs almost exclusively in males. BMD is similar to Duchenne's –both are caused by a mutation in the dystrophin gene on the X chromosome. This protein is an important building block that helps Becker muscular dystrophy (BMD) is an inherited degenerative muscle
- WHEREAS, both DMD and BMD primarily affect skeletal muscles, which are used for movement, and heart (cardiac) muscle. However, BMD is less common, 1 in DMD; and 35,000 males worldwide, and has a later onset and slower progression than
- WHEREAS, symptoms typically appear between the ages of 5 and 15 and include difficulty with walking, rising from the floor, running, hopping, jumping. Generalized weakness first affects muscles of the hips, pelvic area, thighs and shoulders. Calves are often enlarged; and
- WHEREAS, due to heart muscle weakening, people with BMD have a high risk of developing heart disease (cardiomyopathy); and
- WHEREAS currently no cure for all types of Muscular Dystrophy; and there are medical treatments that may help slow its progression, there is
- WHEREAS, because it is a rare disease, one of our greatest tools in the fight to end all types of Muscular Dystrophy is raising awareness; and
- WHEREAS, worldwide, assists families, and provides more than 3,800 kids with MD a summer camp experience annually; and the Muscular Dystrophy Association supports over 150 research projects
- WHEREAS, Biennas, a Monroe High School Senior who lives with Becker's Muscular Dystrophy, to bring strength, independence and life to kids and adults with muscular dystrophy and related life-threatening diseases. than 25,000 retailers in hometowns across America throughout the month of March along with the annual MDA Muscle Walk, held this year on May 19, 2018 with local team the "Zach Attack", named after Zachary MDA's St. Patrick's Day Shamrock fundraiser is supported by more

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2018 as Becker Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: March 1, 2018

Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor