

SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH 2010

- WHEREAS** Scleroderma is a chronic, degenerative autoimmune disease that predominantly affects women in the prime of their lives, but impacts children and men as well; and
- WHEREAS** Autoimmune diseases including Scleroderma are on of the top four causes of disability of women over fifteen and under age sixty-five; and
- WHEREAS** It can take three or more years for an individual to be diagnosed and receive appropriate treatment, leading to higher medical costs and government spending; and
- WHEREAS** There is more hope for those with Scleroderma to live a normal life today than there was five years ago due to the development of medications and ongoing clinical trials; and
- WHEREAS** The month of June has been designated National Scleroderma Awareness Month, with patient education, patient support and research the three-fold mission of the Scleroderma Foundation, Tri-State Chapter (covering New York, New Jersey and Connecticut);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Frank Valenzuela do hereby proclaim June, 2010 as **SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH** in the Township of Rochelle Park, and urge all employees and residents to participate in our municipalities effort to become better educated on the subject of Scleroderma.

Frank Valenzuela, Mayor

Dated: June 16, 2010