

Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dawn and Chris Applegate have resided in Bordentown Township for twelve years and have five children: Chris Jr., (23), Joshua, (20), Matthew, (13), Daniel, (12), and Jessica, (9); and

WHEREAS, their son, Matthew has been diagnosed with Autism and they have participated and organized several “Walks” a year to spread the awareness through **Autism Speaks**; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2011 their son Daniel had been diagnosed with a rare disease called **Evans Syndrome/ALPS**. He needs constant blood and platelets to survive when his blood count drops; and

WHEREAS, the Applegate family wanted to give back to the hospital that treats Daniel to support their continued research. They have held the following events: (1.) two Tricky Trays at the Bordentown Elks which raised, \$10,000.00, (2.) a Lollipop Drive at Clara Barton School that raised, \$150.00, (3.) two Blood Drives through the New York Blood Drive Company, that supplies blood to Bristol Myers Squibb Children’s Hospital in New Brunswick where Daniel is treated, (4.) collected new coloring books, crayons, reading books, puzzles to give children in the hospital for Christmas and to the CINJ playroom. The family has created a Facebook page for **Daniel’s Fight with Evans Syndrome** trying to spread awareness on line with over 2000 people to support one another

WHEREAS, the family has participated in radio and television shows, (Channel 6 Health Check with Ali Gorman), and have written many articles for the local newspapers, and participated at the McFarland School during **Rare Disease Day**, (February 28th), when all of the children wore red symbolizing blood and purple that symbolizes platelets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor of Bordentown Township, do hereby proclaim that Evans Syndrome is a serious disease that we must participate in creating public awareness as well Autism awareness and applaud and support the honorable efforts made by the Applegate Family to give back to the treating hospitals and patients who suffer the same illnesses. I encouraged the residents of this township in joining in supporting this family and families that suffer with these health issues.

Steve Benowitz, Mayor

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