

## PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- Whereas, Pulmonary Fibrosis is a lung disorder characterized by a progressive scarring known as fibrosis and deterioration of the lungs, which slowly robs its patients of their ability to breathe; and
- Whereas, Pulmonary Fibrosis affects at least 128,000 Americans, with an estimated 48,000 new cases diagnosed each year, and has no FDA approved treatment and cure. Pulmonary Fibrosis affects children and adults and studies have revealed there is a genetic component to this disease; and
- Whereas, Pulmonary Fibrosis is difficult to diagnose, and an estimated two-thirds of the patients die within five years of diagnosis. The patients only survival is a lung transplant, an option in about 1% of Pulmonary Fibrosis patients; and
- Whereas, In the month of September, the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, a 501©(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2001, seeks to achieve the process of educating and advocating for the patients and their families, and national awareness and fundraising in the race to find treatment and a cure for Pulmonary Fibrosis; and
- Whereas, Every mention of the disease is a step closer to someone getting a timely and accurate diagnosis, receiving essential support, and ultimately finding a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JERE WOOD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, do hereby declare September as Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month in the City of Roswell and ask all of our citizens to recognize the need for awareness of this disease and support finding a cure.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2013.*

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MAYOR JERE WOOD