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# Mayoral Proclamation

- Whereas** pulmonary fibrosis is a serious disease that creates scarring (fibrosis) in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and
- Whereas** pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing limited quality of life, disability and/or death within a few short years; and
- Whereas** in many cases there is no identified cause of pulmonary fibrosis, which is referred to as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), and about 200,000 people in the United States are estimated to be affected by IPF; and
- Whereas** pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under diagnosed, and a need has been identified to increase wide-ranging awareness and detection of this imperceptible disorder; and
- Whereas** the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation will unify patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and the general public, by sharing and providing the latest information about advancements alongside all of the work still to be done within the global pulmonary fibrosis community; and
- Whereas** established in 2000, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is a nonprofit organization that maintains a global mission to serve as the trusted resource for the pulmonary fibrosis community by raising awareness, providing disease education, and funding research. The Foundation works diligently to foster conversations and collaboration between everyone affected by pulmonary fibrosis, including those living with the disease, caregivers, the medical and research community, and the pharmaceutical industry.

**Now therefore**, I, Nicholas Isgro, Mayor of Waterville, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2016, to be

## **Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month**

in the City of Waterville and urge all community members to become informed and involved in the fight to eradicate this serious disease.

*In Witness Whereof*, I do hereby set my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Nicholas Isgro, Mayor