

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development and is observed in February of each year; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and also initiated Black History Week on February 12, 1926 and in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

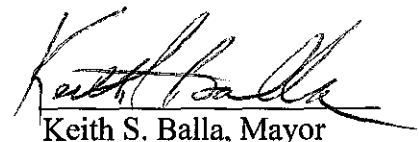
WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung continues to work toward becoming an inclusive and diverse community in which all citizens, past, present, and future, are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith S. Balla, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, along with Members of the Municipal Council do hereby proclaim to acknowledge and recognize the month of February to be

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and encourage all Watchung residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.


Keith S. Balla, Mayor

DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 2022