

# *P*ROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles Aubrey Eaton born March 29, 1868 and was Clergyman, Journalist, Farmer and U.S. Congressman who represented New Jersey's 4<sup>th</sup> congressional district from 1925 to 1933 and the 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district from 1933 to 1953 until he retired; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Eaton moved to North Plainfield in 1909, started a dairy farm there while also preaching to a prominent New York City Baptist congregation and came to preach at Wilson Memorial Church in 1915; and

**WHEREAS**, the area he resided in separated from North Plainfield in 1926 and came to be the Borough of Watchung making Dr. Eaton amongst Watchung's' famous and consequential residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles came to be known as "Doc Eaton" and was frequently invited to the White House as an informal advisor and raised his voice on behalf of those principles that would strengthen the peace and security of all nations throughout the world, promoting world peace and advancing the cause of freedom and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, amongst his many contributions Congressman Eaton was chosen to be a signer of the United Nations Charter and was instrumental in shepherding the Marshal Plan through the House of Representatives as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Time Magazine, Charles came to be known as an unwavering internationalist for his views on class, social structure and the nature of being an American, all revealed in some of his published essays; and

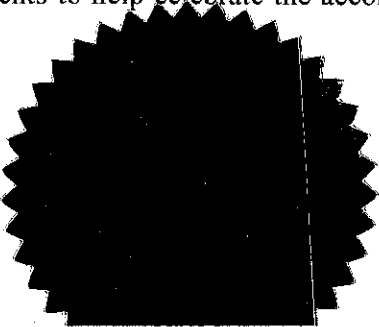
**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 1995, the Eaton House, home of Dr. Charles Aubrey Eaton, on the Sunbright Dairy Farm in Watchung, was declared a Watchung Historic Site; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Watchung is proud to honor the history and contributions of Charles Aubrey Eaton 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 **29<sup>th</sup> of March** to be

## **CHARLES AUBREY EATON DAY**

and call upon Watchung residents to help celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of Congressman Eaton.



*Keith S. Balla*  
**KEITH S. BALLA, MAYOR**  
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