

*P*ROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, longtime resident and public servant Vera Stine was born March 24, 1940 and grew up in Linden; and

WHEREAS, after marrying her husband Pete, Vera moved to North Plainfield where she tried to join the North Plainfield Rescue Squad and was told “women are not allowed to drive on the rescue squad at night because it was too dangerous”; and

WHEREAS, undeterred to serve the community, Vera joined the Watchung Rescue Squad in December of 1967 as a full member and served on the Wednesday night crew and went on to serve in various committees on the squad; and

WHEREAS, the Rescue Squad propelled her to continue a long public service career as Vera went on to be an EMT instructor for Union County where she rose through the ranks serving as Crew Chief, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and served as the first female Captain of the Watchung Rescue Squad in 1977; and

WHEREAS, since moving to Watchung in 1975, Pete and Vera enrolled their two sons, Walter and Roger, to what was then called “The Indian Guides” which was a precursor to Scouting where Vera assisted in many of the activities; and

WHEREAS, long after her son’s involvement, Vera and her husband Pete continued to assist the local Scouts program helping to provide the various food and supplies needed for all the trips and projects until 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung is proud to honor the history and lifelong dedication to service of Vera Stine in our community, despite facing some of life’s most difficult ordeals.

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 **26th of March** as

“VERA STINE DAY”

in the Borough of Watchung, and on behalf of the Borough and its residents, extend best wishes to Vera Stine, a true role model for carrying on and making a difference in people’s lives, and wish her continued good health and happiness.


Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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