

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung is a diverse community revered for its caring, peaceful residents and businesses, many who have moved to Watchung for its beautiful natural environment and tranquil, serene living and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Watchung has worked continuously to provide an outstanding school system, library and community activities for educating our youth with programs to foster learning and creativity and collaboration amongst all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Watchung values safety, equality, expression of independent thought and ideas and inclusion for all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Watchung welcomes all people who live, work and visit here, regardless of their national origin, color, race, religion, age, physical or mental abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic status or political opinion; and

WHEREAS, the month of June also serves to recognized and reflect upon the courage and accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ community who continue to fight for progress towards securing important rights and freedoms to live freely and authentically, often through struggle and adversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ronald Jubin, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2023 as:

"LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH"

in the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, and on behalf of the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung in the County of Somerset, do hereby proclaim our community's value of dignity, respect, compassion, and inclusion, and encourage all of our residents to extend their hand of friendship and fellowship to work with and build up each other.

Ronald Jubin, Th.D Mayor June 1,2023