

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2010, Boy Scouts all across America lit candles in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, beginning with their incorporation on February 8, 1910, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America has been to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law which among other things states the pledge to "do duty to God and our Country and to help other people at all times"; and

WHEREAS, the success of Scouting for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and Venturing has been a culmination of many hours of selfless volunteerism by many leaders, and community organizations whose ideas and generosity helped to shape the lives of many young men; and

WHEREAS, Scouts traditionally grow to become trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, brave and reverent human beings; and

WHEREAS, there are 505 churches and synagogues, schools and parent-teacher associations, service and fraternal clubs, and other community organizations that have been chartered in our area by the Boy Scouts of America to service the Scouting program; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer leaders selected by these chartered organizations are performing an outstanding service for 18,871 boys and young men and women; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots' Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America and its corps of dedicated volunteer leaders are providing necessary support to the leaders in the 6,236 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Explorer Posts and Venture Crews.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert S. Ellis, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, do hereby acknowledge the week of February 2nd through February 9, 2010 as

Scouting Anniversary Week

in the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, and urge our citizens to join with me in congratulating the many volunteer leaders, the parents and guardians of the scouts themselves, and the many community organizations whose generously allow for bringing this values-based program to our young people for one hundred years.

Date: February 11, 2010

Ellis, Mayor

Albert S.