

## PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS,** Overlook Hospital's Auxiliary established an Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Committee in May 1995 whose goal is to make the public aware of organ and tissue donor needs and programs; and*

***WHEREAS,** in the United States there are almost 105,000 people waiting for organs (liver, heart, kidney, lungs, pancreas) almost 4,000 of whom are from New Jersey; and*

***WHEREAS,** approximately 20 people die daily waiting for organs - the Gift of Life; and*

***WHEREAS,** those needing tissues (bones, ligaments, heart valves, corneas, skin) are waiting to improve their quality of life.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor of the borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as*

### ***DONATE LIFE MONTH***

*in the Borough of Watchung and encourage the citizens of Watchung to become **DONORS THROUGH THEIR DRIVER LICENSE OR LIVING WILL**. Citizens are asked to share this decision with their families because it becomes a legal document.*

*Date: March 25, 2009*

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*Albert S. Ellis, Mayor*