

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in celebration of Women's History Month, nineteen women throughout Somerset County are being recognized for their significant contributions to women's causes either in their professional fields or in community endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Watchung is proud to be home to Joan Plasner, nominated and chosen in the category of Arts/Entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Joan has been actively involved in success of the Watchung Arts Center, which regularly produces a wonderful array of art, music, and theater, as well as offering many educational opportunities, not only for Watchung residents, but for any who wish to enrich their lives or simply be entertained by many of the talented performers showcased throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, Joan has served the not-for-profit Watchung Arts Center as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President, and currently as its President, where under her leadership she has overseen the refurbishing of this original schoolhouse into a quaint venue with old town historical charm; and

WHEREAS, Joan's passion for the Arts, undoubtedly fostered throughout her earlier career as a music teacher and choral director in the Watchung School system where for 24 years she mentored many young potential actors, actresses, and singers when she directed many musical plays and choral concerts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT S. ELLIS, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, would like to thank the Somerset County Commission of the Status of Women and the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders for recognizing Joan's accomplishments in the area of Arts and Entertainment, and hereby proclaim Friday, March 26th, 2010 as

JOAN PLASNER DAY

in the Borough of Watchung and congratulate her for providing inspiration and entertainment to the thousands of people who walk through the doors of the Watchung Arts Center.

Date: March 25, 2010

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor