

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, like many residents of the Borough of Watchung, Americans of Asian ancestry enjoy dual heritage - - the great cultures of the lands of their forbearers and the rich traditions of liberty and quality; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian-Americans have brought new values and customs to America, immeasurably enriching the quality and character of this country and the Borough of Watchung, endowing unparalleled energy and vision in every field of endeavor, and

**WHEREAS**, we owe a debt of gratitude to these Americans, both for the gift of their talents and for helping us build bridges of understanding to their ancestral lands in the Pacific Community, bridges that help our economics to grow and that widen the path to peace, and

**WHEREAS**, with the strength of our diversity and a continued commitment to the ideal of freedom, all Americans will share in the blessings of the bright future that awaits us; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somerset County Asian-American Heritage Month Celebration Committee (SCAAHMCC) was formed to sponsor the celebration of May – the official Asian-American Heritage Month – and will celebrate with an event at the Ukrainian Center, 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, to showcase various aspects of Asian cultures to the public, to allow Asian groups to reach out to others, and to foster mutual understanding through the sharing of our rich culture and heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, hereby proclaim May, 2007 as

## **Asian-American Month**

in the Borough of Watchung and commend and congratulate the many contributions and accomplishments of Asian-Americans and recognize the many contributions to our Borough.

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Albert S. Ellis  
Mayor

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May 10, 2007  
Date