

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 17 – 22, 2007

WHEREAS, every three minutes a man finds out he has prostate cancer - - - the second leading cause of cancer death in American men; and

WHEREAS, in fact, more than 230,000 cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2007, making prostate cancer among men more prevalent than breast cancer among women and more than 30,000 men will die of it this year; and

WHEREAS, in Somerset County annual cancer incidence rates have increased 4.10%, 27 individuals are diagnosed with cancer each week and ten individuals die of cancer each week; and

WHEREAS, men over the age of 40 should be screened for prostate cancer, men with a family history of prostate cancer are at higher risk, as are African-American men who are at twice the risk of other men and high risk individuals should consider screening at age 35; and

WHEREAS, although prostate cancer is not yet preventable, screenings available include blood tests and physical examinations that can help detect the cancer at earlier, less dangerous stages; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is nearly 100% survivable if detected early.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, to help save lives and raise awareness of prostate cancer, do hereby proclaim

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and urge all residents to talk with family and friends about the importance of screening and early detection of prostate cancer to educate ourselves and others about this disease and to improve our ability to prevent, detect, treat, and ultimately cure prostate cancer.

September 13, 2007

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor