

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, more than 129,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, although many parents are welcoming these children into their homes to provide safe, stable, and loving family environments, there are still thousands of children who need the warmth and guidance of a family; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves a permanent home and when parents adopt a child to love as their own, lives are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, for parents, the decision to adopt a child is among life's greatest, rewarding and most fulfilling turning points in both their lives and the life of the child; and

WHEREAS, families who accept the gift of these children through adoption, shape their lives, and contribute to the generous spirit of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar celebrations all over the United States and all over the world, will offer children the chance to live with secure and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2008 as

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

in this the Borough of Watchung, and in so doing, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption

Date: November 13, 2008

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor