

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Thornton Wilder wrote, "The planting of trees is the least self-centered of all that we can do"; and

WHEREAS, the last Friday in April of each year has been established as Arbor Day in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, all New Jerseyans, including school student-bodies are encouraged to support Arbor Day by planting trees and shrubs; and

WHEREAS, trees are a gift to our children and their children, therefore, New Jersey's citizens are encouraged to celebrate life and plant a gift for future generations; and

WHEREAS, trees are an increasingly vital resource that enrich our lives by purifying the air, reducing erosions of our soil by wind and water, conserving water and energy, serving as recreational settings, and providing habitat for wildlife of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, trees increase property values and create beautiful landscapes as ever so evident in our own beautiful Borough; and

WHEREAS, trees wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, Somerset County, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the last Friday of April as

Arbor Day at Bayberry School and Borough of Watchung

and urge all citizens, young and old, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Date:

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor