

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during this season of Thanksgiving – as we pause to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us as individuals – we are especially grateful for the love of our families and friends; and

WHEREAS, one of the most profound ways in which that love is expressed is through the generous support provided by family caregivers to loved ones who are chronically ill, elderly or disabled; and

WHEREAS, caregivers reflect family and community life at its best, and are one of New Jersey's most important natural resources, estimated at 836,000; and

WHEREAS, the need for family caregivers is growing; and

WHEREAS, we are blessed to live in a time when medicine and technology have helped us live longer, and as a result, persons with disabilities are living longer and people over 85 are the fastest growing segment of our population; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers can be found in every city and town in America and it is likely that we all know at least one family caregiver; if not fulfilling the caregiver role ourselves; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers deserve our lasting gratitude and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Albert Ellis do hereby proclaim November, 2008 as

### FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

in the Borough of Watchung and encourage our community, religious, social, business and other organizations to offer programs and services that will provide caregivers the support and encouragement they need to carry out their vital responsibilities.

Date: November 13, 2008

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Albert S. Ellis, Mayor