

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Gardens preserve our country's heritage through traditional spirit, innovation and hard work - and so do our teachers; and*

WHEREAS, *Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, great and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology - and so do our teachers; and*

WHEREAS, *Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the harvesting of the riches of their efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *Just like gardeners, Teachers have a passion for nurturing the beauty and the passion in our children's souls, harvesting the knowledge and thirst for learning born within them; and*

WHEREAS, *Like gardeners, Teachers promote a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, teaching that rewards come from diligent efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *Our beloved Watchung Hills Regional High School is very similar to the gardens at our homes, where for 50 years seedlings begin as hungry and thirsty living beings whose needs are tended to, until the point in time where they are well prepared and ready to conquer the challenges of adulthood and exist in the world on their own.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that in an effort to acknowledge the 50th Anniversary of Watchung Hills Regional High School, I, Mayor Albert S. Ellis, hereby designate Saturday, May 17, 2008 as*

"GARDEN OF HOPE" DEDICATION DAY

in the Borough of Watchung and commend all of the gardeners who have and will participate in the planting and caring of this beautiful garden, and thank all of the educators who have so richly sowed our children's futures.

Date: May 22, 2008

Mayor Albert S. Ellis