

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Overlook Hospital's Auxiliary established an Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Committee in May 1995 whose goal is to make the public aware of organ and tissue donor needs and programs; and

WHEREAS, in the United States there are almost 98,000 people waiting for organs (liver, heart, kidney, lungs, pancreas) almost 3,000 of whom are from New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, approximately 18 people die daily waiting for organs - the Gift of Life; and

WHEREAS, those needing tissues (bones, ligaments, heart valves, corneas, skin) are waiting to improve their quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Albert S. Ellis, do hereby proclaim April 2008 as

DONATE LIFE MONTH

in the Borough of Watchung and encourage the citizens of Watchung to become **DONORS THROUGH THEIR DRIVER LICENSE OR LIVING WILL**. Citizens are asked to share this decision with their families because it becomes a legal document.

Date: March 13, 2008

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor