

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public schools are the foundation of our democracy, providing our youth with an education and the 21st century skills necessary to be productive citizens today as well as effective leaders tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, education employees, be they substitute educators, custodians, teachers, bus drivers, librarians, administrators, or school board members work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS community involvement in our public schools provides vital support and opens opportunities for students to participate in service-learning and community outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, a well-educated workforce spurs innovations that can solve global problems for business, industry, and human relations and provide economic security to our communities, state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, Somerset County, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the week of November 15 through November 21, 2009 as

### **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

in the Borough of Watchung and ask that all residents take time to appreciate the education they themselves have received and continue to support public education for the young people of our community and in all of America.

Date: November 12, 2009

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor