

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 100,000 people waiting for organs (liver, heart, kidney, lungs, pancreas) almost 4,200 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 2009 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 26, 2009

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor