

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing as many as 500 lung cancer deaths annually in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, elevated radon levels are found in many homes and pose a serious health threat to families residing in these homes; and

**WHEREAS**, any home may have high levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not; and

**WHEREAS**, radon testing is easy and inexpensive - and elevated levels of radon can be effectively reduced at the cost of a typical home repair; and

**WHEREAS**, by mitigating homes with radon concentrations at or above 4pCi/L in New Jersey, 140 – 250 lives are saved annually.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, hereby proclaim the week of January 10, 2010 as**

### **RADON ACTION WEEK**

*in the Borough of Watchung and call upon all residents who have not yet tested to test their homes for radon and to reduce radon levels if elevated levels are found, to protect their families from the serious health risk of radon.*

*Date: December 10, 2009*

*Mayor Albert E. Ellis* —