

## **PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS,** baseball legend Bobby Thomson was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1923, and moved to the United States when he was two, his family settling in Staten Island; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a child Bobby fell in love with the sport of baseball when his dad took him to see his favorite team, the Brooklyn Dodgers; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bobby, an athletic standout in high school, first signed with his favorite's arch rival, the New York Giants in 1942, and*

***WHEREAS,** after being called upon to serve our country in the US Air Corps from 1943 to 1945, Bobby went back to the Giant's triple A farm team until he was called up in 1947, the year in which this rookie began his renowned career; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bobby Thomson, affectionately known as "The Staten Island Scot" became a celebrity for hitting a walk off home run in a playoff game which resulted in the New York Giants' winning the 1951 National League Pennant against the Dodgers; and*

***WHEREAS,** this historic home run famously became known as the "Shot Heard 'Round the World"; and was further immortalized when play-by-play announcer Russ Hodges repeatedly cried, "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!"; and*

***WHEREAS,** while continuing his career, three time All-Star Bobby Thomson moved into the Borough of Watchung in 1958 to raise his family; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bobby became very selflessly involved in the community as a little league coach and where even in his retirement, never turned down an opportunity to participate in opening day ceremonies or speak to the children at a school or recreation event; and*

***WHEREAS,** Watchung's most famous resident has made a decision to leave the Borough to further enjoy his retirement near his daughter Nancy and her husband Chuck in Savannah, Georgia.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT S. ELLIS,** as Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, hereby proclaim Sunday, June 25th, 2006 as*

### **BOBBY THOMSON DAY**

*in the Borough of Watchung and on behalf of the Borough's residents wish you the best in all of your future endeavors and welcome you back for visits whenever you are in New Jersey!*

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*Albert S. Ellis, Mayor*

*Date: June 22, 2006*