

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, community transportation services addresses the transportation needs of an entire community— including the needs of the general public and special populations - in a cost effective flexible and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, community transportation has evolved into an effective network of community-based agencies and coordinated agencies providing the elderly with access to needed services, ensures mobility for people with disabilities and connects the underprivileged and unemployed with jobs and training facilities; and

WHEREAS, in the United States today, there are an estimated one hundred and three million people at risk of being unable to provide or afford their own transportation and who are likely to be dependent upon others for their mobility. This population includes: thirty five million older Americans of which approximately twenty percent do not drive; more than thirty three million individuals with disabilities and thirty five million adults and children in underprivileged families; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Council on Special Transportation promotes activities to enhance coordination of transportation services provided by local, regional, county and state entities as well as working with and serving as a resource to government entities, agents, suppliers, and others on matters pertaining to paratransit and community services; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Annual Transportation Conference, TransAction 2006 will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on April 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2006;

NOW THEREFORE, I ALBERT S. ELLIS Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2006 as **COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DAY** and April 23 to April 29, 2006 as **COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WEEK** in the Borough of Watchung.


Albert S. Ellis, Mayor

Date: March 23, 2006