

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Government of India's Pravasi Bharathiya Samman Award is the highest civilian award given to non-residents who live outside of India; and

WHEREAS, this award, instituted by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO), recognizes outstanding achievements for community leadership and promotes the honor and prestige of Indian and US India relations; and

WHEREAS, this year's recipient, Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, joins a distinguished list of dignitaries such as Presidents George W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, and Bill Clinton, as well as Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and Colin Powell, and General Norman Schwarzkopf, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parikh, an internationally acclaimed Consulting Allergist with a busy career in the United States, humbly and selfishlessly used his influence and collective efforts, contributing cash and time to fight social ills plaguing society, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parikh has worked closely with the powers in Washington and New Delhi to initiate a productive dialogue between two of the world's largest democracies; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, is proud to have Dr. Parikh, President of the Federation of Indian Associations, and his wife Sudha, among its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, hereby proclaim Saturday, March 11, 2006 as

Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh Day

in the Borough of Watchung and commend Dr. Parikh for his outstanding and tireless humanitarian achievements, for the good and well being of not only India, but America as well and congratulate him as the well deserved recipient of the very prestigious Pravasi Bharathiya Samman Award.

Mayor

Date