

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women in New Jersey, United States and the world, this year taking the lives of approximately 170,000 Americans, including 4,800 people in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, 70% of newly diagnosed cases will be detected at an advanced stage resulting in a 5-year survival rate of only 15% that has remained largely unchanged; and

WHEREAS, although smoking is the leading cause of the disease, there are newly diagnosed cases in either former smokers or non-smokers indicating a need for further research; and

WHEREAS, in Somerset County 26 individuals are diagnosed with cancer each week and ten individuals die of cancer each week; and

WHEREAS, four cancers account for 53% of new cancer diagnoses in Somerset County and 49% of all deaths, lung and bronchus cancers account for over 24% of all cancer deaths, making this type the #1 killer in the region and county; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of increasing awareness about lung cancer to lessen the stigma for non smokers and the smoking related stigma as public health officials define tobacco dependence as a disease; and

WHEREAS, although some lung cancer is not yet preventable, education on the dangers of smoking, smoking avoidance, second hand smoke and decreased exposure to radon can reduce the incidence of lung cancer especially in children and physical examinations can help detect the cancer at earlier, less dangerous stages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Albert S. Ellis, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER 26th through NOVEMBER 30TH, 2006 as LUNG CANCER AWARENESS WEEK** in the Borough and ask all residents to join in this worthwhile cause, to celebrate successes and memorialize lost battles.

Attest:

Laureen B. Fellin, Clerk

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor

Date: November 9, 2006