

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS,** Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the harvesting of the riches of their efforts; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gardening furnished a challenging and productive activity for many citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of life, teaches that rewards come from diligent efforts; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to serve others in the communities in which they reside and work;*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that in an effort to acknowledge the importance of Gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners, that I, Mayor Albert S. Ellis, hereby designates the week of **June 4 to 10th, 2006** as*

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

in the Borough of Watchung.

Date: May 25, 2006

Mayor Albert E. Ellis