

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as National Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month to inform the public about this common genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS, NF is more prevalent than Cystic Fibrosis, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, and Huntington's Disease combined; and

WHEREAS, over 100,000 Americans have NF and one of every 4,000 newborns will develop the disorder, it still is relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow along nerves throughout the body, and can affect the development of other parts of the body, such as bone and skin tumors, bone deformities such as scoliosis of the spine; leg bowing and/or twisting, progressive loss of hearing, sight and balance; learning disabilities; and other symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Watchung residents are not exempt from the ill effects of this disease, as lifelong resident, daughter, sister, and friend to many, Sandra Blumberg has lived with NF for many of her 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Sandra has devoted her time and precious energy to raise funds and awareness for the Children's Tumor Foundation, (www.ctf.org, 800-323-7938) which leads the effort to support research aimed at finding the causes of the disorder and developing treatments and a cure, providing support to people with NF; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done to raise awareness of the need to prevent, treat and cure NF.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, COUNCIL PRESIDENT THOMAS P. FRANKLIN, in recognition of this important initiative, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2007 as

“NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

in the Borough of Watchung and commend Sandra Blumberg on her tireless efforts to bring awareness to this serious disease.

Council President

Date