PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Community; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced the theme of this year's campaign as "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"; and

WHEREAS, this year's campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan where seemingly basic behaviors can have a life-saving impact; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household and practiced at least twice a year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith S. Balla, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2019 as

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

and urge all residents to develop a home fire escape plan and know that in the event of an emergency, every second counts and all households should plan and practice "2" ways out.

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

October 17, 2019
Date