# PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS,*** *the Borough of Watchung is a diverse community revered for its caring, peaceful residents and businesses, many who have moved to Watchung for its beautiful natural environment and tranquil, serene living and recreation opportunities; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Watchung has worked continuously to provide an outstanding school system, library and community activities for educating our youth with programs to foster learning and creativity and collaboration amongst all of our residents young and old; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Watchung values safety, equality, expression of independent thought and ideas and inclusion for all of our residents; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Watchung welcomes all people who live, work and visit here, regardless of their national origin, color, race, religion, age, physical or mental abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic status or political opinion; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *the month of June is recognized as LGBTQ Pride month.*

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** *I, Mayor Keith S. Balla, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2019 as:*

## *"LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH"*

*in the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, and on behalf of the Governing Body of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim our community's value of dignity, respect, compassion, and inclusion, and encourage all of our citizens to extend their hand of friendship and fellowship to work with and build up each other to foster the best interest of all.*

Keith S. Balla

*Keith S. Balla, Mayor*

*Date: May 2, 2019*