

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women annually honors women who are outstanding in their field of expertise; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung could not have been more proud when the news broke that long time Councilwoman Debra Joren was one of this year's recipients in the field of Government and Public Service; and*

*WHEREAS, public service has been second nature to Deb, as her dad Jack Penn was a State Assemblyman, so she grew up very familiar with the need and the ability to assist others: and*

*WHEREAS, as Chief of Staff for Senator Kip Bateman, Deb coordinates and runs the 16th Legislative district office, a position that takes her to our Capital in Trenton several days a week, enabling her to bring back first hand knowledge of legislation and direction for our Governing Body; and*

*WHEREAS, a member of the Watchung Borough Council since 2003, Deb has also served residents as a member of the Board of Adjustment, Chair of the Recreation Commission, Chair of the Laws and Ordinance Committee, as Police Commissioner, and was responsible for implementing the Youth Services Commission, an organization that runs programs through the school that assists "at risk youths" and is funded through County grants; and*

*WHEREAS, it is no surprise that Somerset County has honored our Council President, Debra Joren, as an Outstanding Woman, because this is something her husband Sandy, daughter Sara Beth, her friends, neighbors, and colleagues on the Council have known all along.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN K. POTE, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, hereby congratulate Debra Joren on this very prestigious honor and thank her for her significant contributions to women's causes and causes of all the citizens she represents.*



Stephen K. Pote, Mayor

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