

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances, and

WHEREAS, poison centers across the county will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of all unintentional poisonings occurring each year happen to children under (6) years of age, and the majority of poisoning deaths occurring in adults aged 20 to 59; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), provides free, expert medical advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the Poison Help Hotline; and

WHEREAS, all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, NJ Poison Experts encourage all residents to keep the Poison Control Center phone number nearby or program into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, all residents must be educated about the dangers posed by potentially household products and other toxic substances because every poisoning is preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Stephen K. Pote, do hereby proclaim the week of March 15-21, 2015 as:

### Poison Prevention Week

in the Borough of Watchung and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

Date:

3/19/15



Stephen K. Pote, Mayor