

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, a long, long time ago several residents who were raised in this beautiful Borough, gathered at each other's homes and were blessed with the foresight to gather information and artifacts that they believed would someday be an important part of Watchung's history; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years these collections they protected were shifted from their homes, first to a small room in the Police Station when it was located in the Texier House, then moved to a room in the Library generously built by residents and members of the Watchung Lions Club, and now, finally, full circle back to their first home, the Texier House, now renovated and designated as the Texier House Museum, located at 10 Mountain Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, many Watchung volunteers, too many to mention over the many years of the Historical Committee's existence, but including the members of the Committee today: Barbara Diem, Betty Jean Aldrich, Dorothy Addario, Elizabeth Black, Susan Feibush, Betse Titus, Elaine Stomber, Richard Stomber, Susan Tucker, Virginia Cooper, Council Liaison Dianna Beck-Clemens; and of course, the dedicated Mayors who, during their tenure, never lost sight of the needs and goals of this Committee: Anthony Addario, Albert Ellis, Gerald Mobus, and Stephen Pote; in addition to the numerous others who offered their time, effort and expertise so that Watchung's History would finally have a home for the ages; and

**WHEREAS**, what a wonderful day this was, through the efforts of many, a program of grandeur was organized, a day that itself created history, beginning with a Civil War re-enactment on the Village Green, a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the formal opening of the Texier House Museum, and concluding with a performance of songs and history of the Civil War era at the Watchung Arts Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Stephen K. Pote, proudly proclaim October 5, 2013 as

### WATCHUNG HISTORY DAY

in the Borough of Watchung and sincerely thank the many civic minded, dedicated volunteers who worked thousands of hours, totaling many days, weeks, months and years, to make the Texier House Museum a reality and a dream come true for so many who wished to see a place where Watchung residents can freely visit and learn about our heritage for years to come, through the eyes and lives of those who worked so hard to preserve it.



Stephen K. Pote, Mayor

Dated: October 10, 2013