

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Women's History Month is to celebrate the vital contributions women have made to the United States and to recognize the specific achievements women have made in advancing social justice, led groundbreaking scientific discoveries, enriched our culture with remarkable works of art and literature, and charted bold directions in our foreign policy; and

WHEREAS, this month we are encouraged to recognize women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling and women's history is one of resilience, where women went from being denied the right to vote or hold public office until the early 1900s to our country's first female Vice President being elected to office in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Watchung boasts many extraordinary women in our staff at Borough Hall, in our Rescue Squad, in our Police Department and our very own residents, all who serve as leaders in the community, many who are Volunteers, and are notable Watchung women who have played a vital role and have devoted their lives and talents to the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, we support the 2023 theme of "Celebrate Women Who Tell Our Stories" recognizing women of past and present who have been active in all types of media and storytelling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, along with Member of the Council, do hereby celebrate the accomplishments of women during Women's History Month and encourage all residents to join us in the celebration of remarkable women on Monday, March 27th at the Watchung Arts Center.

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor March 16, 2023