

Proclamation

May 21–27, 2023 "Connecting the World Through Public Works"

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the Borough of Watchung in the County of Somerset; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the Borough of Watchung to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Watchung's own Public Works Department works tirelessly to maintain our roads, parks, facilities, and other Borough amenities making a meaningful impact on our community and we cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication, along with always being ready and resilient; and

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 63rd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of Watchung do hereby designate the week of May 21–27, as **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK** and I urge everyone in the borough to join me in commending the Department of Public Works for their regular public work duties and being ready at a moment's notice to also react as first responders during natural disasters as evidenced during Hurricane IDA in 2021.

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor May 18, 2023

