PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing as many as 500 lung cancer deaths annually in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, elevated radon levels are found in many homes and pose a serious health threat to families residing in these homes; and

WHEREAS, any home may have high levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not; and

WHEREAS, radon testing is easy and inexpensive and elevated levels of radon can be effectively reduced at the cost of a typical home repair; and

WHEREAS, the topography in Watchung may result in a significant number of homes in the Borough having elevated levels of radon; and

WHEREAS, if all New Jersey homes with radon concentrations at or above 4pCi/L were mitigated, approximately 83 lives could be saved each year.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen K. Pote, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2016 as

RADON ACTION MONTH

and call upon all residents who have not yet done so to test their homes for radon in an effort to protect their families from any serious health risks.

Date: December 17, 2015

Stephen K. Pote

Stephen K. Pote, Mayor