

*P*ROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of February marks the annual celebration to honor and celebrate the many achievements made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development and we must recognize their central role in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month also calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, past, present, and future, are respected and recognized for their contributions of black faith institutions, black cultural centers, black medical professionals, black athletes and musicians – all who have stood up against injustice and have worked to bring about equality, advocacy and change; and

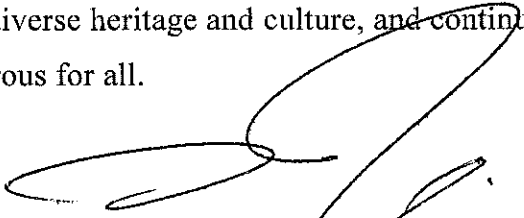
WHEREAS, the Borough of Watchung continues to work toward becoming an inclusive and diverse community and is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) has made each February extra significant during Black History month by choosing a different theme every single year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, along with Members of the Municipal Council do hereby proclaim to acknowledge and recognize the month of February to be

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH THE THEME
“BLACK RESISTANCE”**

and encourage all Watchung residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.


Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor
Proclaimed this 19th day of January, 2023

