

WHEREAS, from America's earliest days, Irish immigrants and their descendants have contributed leadership, wisdom, and vitality to America, through nine signers of the Declaration of Independence and twenty-two Presidents who have proudly proclaimed their Irish American heritage; and

WHEREAS, in October 1990, the 101<sup>st</sup> United States Congress passed Public Law 101-418, which established for the first time the month of March as Irish American Heritage Month and on September 15, 2022, in New Jersey, P.L. 2022 JR-5 was passed which designates March as Irish American Heritage Month in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, generations of Irishmen and women have helped shape the idea of America, overcoming hardship and strife through strength, sacrifices, faith, and family and today nearly 40 million proud Irish descendants continue to make their mark on the United States of America with stories, as varied as our Nation's people, they humble and inspire us to reach for opportunities dreamed about by our forefathers; and

WHEREAS, we owe a dept of gratitude to the Irish American inventors and entrepreneurs who have helped define our country and community as the land of opportunity and celebrate the sacrifices and contributions that generations of Irish Americans have made.

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 call upon all the people of the Borough to observe throughout the month of March the many contributions of Irish Americans this

"Irish American Heritage Month"

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