



Proclamation

Whereas, International Stuttering Awareness Day is observed annually on October 22 to raise public awareness about stuttering, celebrate the resilience and voices of people who stutter, and promote understanding and inclusion; and

Whereas, stuttering affects approximately 1% of the population, regardless of age, gender, or background, and people who stutter often face social stigma, discrimination, and misunderstanding in their daily lives often leading to harmful emotional stress; and

Whereas, the Borough of Watchung recognizes the importance of fostering a community where all individuals — including those who stutter — feel heard, respected, and empowered to communicate freely without fear or shame; and

Whereas, when stuttering continues into adulthood, a person may have difficulty communicating with other people and stuttering may affect a person's quality of life, interpersonal relationships, job opportunities, and professional growth; and

Whereas, local, national, and international organizations work year-round to educate the public, support individuals who stutter, and advocate for better access to speech therapy, inclusive education, and employment opportunities; and

Whereas, Stuttering Awareness aims to foster an inclusive environment where individuals who stutter are empowered and encouraged to share their voices without fear of judgment and discrimination; and

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, New Jersey do hereby recognize October 22, 2025 as

International Stuttering Awareness Day

and encourage all residents to learn more about stuttering and join forces in supporting those who stutter. By promoting understanding and acceptance, we can create a world where every voice is heard and valued.

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor
October 22, 2025