

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

**WHEREAS,** WORLD SPAY DAY STARTED OUT AS SPAY DAY USA, AN ANNUAL EVENT CREATED BY THE DORIS DAY ANIMAL LEAGUE (DDAL) IN 1995, TO PROMOTE SPAYS AND NEUTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO HELP ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESS PETS; AND

**WHEREAS,** AFTER THE DDAL'S MERGER WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES (HSUS) IN 2006, THE TRADITION CONTINUED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HSUS AS WORLD SPAY DAY; AND

**WHEREAS,** CRITICAL LACK OF RESOURCES AND PUBLIC AWARENESS ARE KEY FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO PET OVERPOPULATION, ACCORDING TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND MANY MORE ANIMALS ARE ABANDONED AS THERE ARE SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH HOMES FOR ALL OF THEM; AND

**WHEREAS,** ONE UNSPRAYED FEMALE CAT AND HER UNALTERED OFFSPRING CAN PRODUCE 420,000 CATS IN SEVEN YEARS SO IT IS EASY TO SEE HOW SPAYING AND NEUTERING CAN DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNWANTED ANIMALS THAT ARE EUTHANIZED IN ANIMAL SHELTERS; AND

**WHEREAS,** SPAYING AND NEUTERING CAN HELP PROTECT AGAINST HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MATING INSTINCT AND SPAYING OF FEMALE DOGS AND CATS AND NEUTERING OF MALE PETS CAN HELP PROTECT THEM FROM SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS LATER IN LIFE.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 28, 2017 TO BE SPAY DAY IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO HAVE THEIR PETS SPAYED OR NEUTERED TO HELP REDUCE PET OVERPOPULATION AND TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR UNWANTED ANIMALS TO FACE EUTHANASIA AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTACT THE SPCA OR THE HUMANE SOCIETY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAMS.

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PASQUALE MENNA  
MAYOR