

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES ARE NOT JUST ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE FOR PEOPLE, BUT WHAT THEY DO FOR AND WITH PEOPLE;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES HAVE LONG SERVED AS TRUSTED AND TREASURED INSTITUTIONS, AND LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY STAFF FUEL EFFORTS TO BETTER THEIR COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIANS ARE ORGANIZERS AND INFORMATION EXPERTS WHO FOR CENTURIES HAVE GUIDED PEOPLE TO THE BEST INFORMATION RESOURCES. LIBRARIANS PROVIDE THE EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES TO HELP THE PUBLIC DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FACT AND FICTION;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIANS CONTINUE TO FULFILL THEIR ROLE FOR ALL WHO SEEK INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY AS OUR SOCIETY IS AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE REGARDING THE CHANGING INFORMATION LANDSCAPE AND THE SKILLS NEEDED TO THRIVE IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD.

WHEREAS, THE RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY LOOKS BEYOND ITS TRADITIONAL ROLE TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS LIKE "LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE", THE 2018 RECIPIENT OF NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S MULTICULTURAL AWARD, AND AWARD WINNING OUTDOOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS LIKE THE STORY WALK;

WHEREAS, OUR LIBRARY OPENS A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES THROUGH INNOVATIVE R.A.D. LAB PROGRAMMING, MAKERSPACES, ONLINE LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES AND DIGITAL READING MATERIAL;

WHEREAS, OUR LIBRARY ENGAGES WITH THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES SUPPORT DEMOCRACY AND EFFECT SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR ALL LIBRARY USERS REGARDLESS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, CREED, ABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES WORK TO SERVE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING PEOPLE OF COLOR, IMMIGRANTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, OFFERING SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES THAT TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES, OPEN MINDS AND PROMOTE INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANS, LIBRARY STAFF AND SUPPORTERS ACROSS AMERICA ARE CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 7-13, 2019 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK. I ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO VISIT THE RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY THIS WEEK BECAUSE "LIBRARIES = STRONG COMMUNITIES" AND THANK THE LIBRARY AND STAFF FOR ALL THAT THEY DO TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR

