

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS APRIL IS *NATIONAL GET YOURSELF TESTED MONTH* TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STDs);

WHEREAS THE RATE OF BACTERIAL SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES HAS RISEN 35% IN NEW JERSEY SINCE 2009;

WHEREAS ONE IN TWO SEXUALLY ACTIVE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTRACT AN STD IN THEIR LIFETIME;

WHEREAS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES LEFT UNTREATED CAN HAVE LONG-TERM HEALTH IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING CERTAIN TYPES OF CANCER AS WELL AS INFERTILITY;

WHEREAS ALL STDs ARE TREATABLE, EVEN HIV, AND MANY ARE CURABLE; EARLY TREATMENT CAN PREVENT SERIOUS, LIFE-LONG HEALTH PROBLEMS;

WHEREAS STDs, PARTICULARLY HIV, DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT YOUNG PEOPLE, LGBT COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR;

WHEREAS GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY RECENTLY RESTORED STATE FUNDING FOR FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES INCLUDING TESTING AND TREATMENT FOR STDs;

WHEREAS FAMILY PLANNING HEALTH CENTERS OFFER STD TESTING AND TREATMENT AS PART OF THE FULL RANGE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF BOROUGH OF RED BANK, RECOGNIZE THAT STDs ARE A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN WHICH CAN ONLY BE ADDRESSED THROUGH ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE AND COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL EDUCATION;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, RECOGNIZE APRIL 2019 AS GET YOURSELF TESTED MONTH AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH BY GETTING TESTED FOR STDs AT A LOCAL HEALTH CENTER.

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MAYOR