

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

- WHEREAS,** AUTISM IS A PERVERSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER AFFECTING THE SOCIAL, LEARNING, AND BEHAVIORAL SKILLS OF THOSE AFFECTED BY IT; AND
- WHEREAS,** AUTISM WAS ONCE THOUGHT TO BE A RELATIVELY RARE DISORDER, AFFECTING ONLY ONE IN 10,000 PEOPLE; AND
- WHEREAS,** AS MORE AND MORE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BECOME PROFICIENT IN DIAGNOSING AUTISM, MORE CHILDREN ARE BEING DIAGNOSED ON THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM, RESULTING IN RATES AS LOW AS ONE IN 500 CHILDREN; AND
- WHEREAS,** WHILE THERE IS NO CURE FOR AUTISM, IT IS WELL-DOCUMENTED THAT IF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH AUTISM RECEIVES TREATMENT EARLY IN THEIR LIVES, IT IS OFTEN POSSIBLE FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR OUTREACH AND SERVICES FOR THE AUTISM COMMUNITY (COSAC) IS SPEARHEADING AN AWARENESS EFFORT IN ORDER TO EDUCATE PARENTS, PROFESSIONALS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT AUTISM AND ITS EFFECTS;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I,** PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL, 2019 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, AND URGE ALL EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS TO BECOME BETTER EDUCATED ON THE SUBJECT OF AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR