

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

**WHEREAS**, PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IS A SOLUTION THAT REQUIRES INVOLVEMENT AMONG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS**, CHILD MALTREATMENT CAN OCCUR WHEN PEOPLE FIND THEMSELVES IN STRESSFUL SITUATIONS, WITHOUT COMMUNITY RESOURCES, AND NOT KNOWING HOW TO COPE; AND

**WHEREAS**, MANY CHILD ABUSE CASES STEM FROM SITUATIONS AND CONDITIONS THAT CAN BE PREVENTABLE IN AN ENGAGED AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALL CITIZENS SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN RAISING THEIR CHILDREN IN A SAFE, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT; AND

**WHEREAS**, EFFECTIVE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS SUCCEED BECAUSE OF PARTNERSHIPS CREATED AMONG SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, FAITH COMMUNITIES, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY; AND

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2019 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS, COMMUNITY AGENCIES, FAITH GROUPS, MEDICAL FACILITIES, AND BUSINESSES TO INCREASE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES, THEREBY PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE LIVE.

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PASQUALE MENNA  
MAYOR