

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, EACH YEAR WE LOSE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM DRUG OVERDOSE GLOBALLY; AND

WHEREAS, SOME SURVIVE BUT SUFFER A PERMANENT INJURY WITH DEVASTATING IMPACT TO THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK IS NOT IMMUNE AND IT IS NOT AN INVISIBLE ISSUE WITH MOST PEOPLE HAVING PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH IT OR HAVING SEEN IT HAPPEN AROUND THEM; AND


WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REFLECT ON PRACTICAL WAYS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, OVERDOSE IS PREVENTABLE AND KNOWING THE REAL FACTS ABOUT DRUGS AND WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE IS EXPERIENCING AN OVERDOSE SAVES LIVES; AND

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY EVENTS THAT AIM TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITIES ABOUT DRUGS CAN REALLY HELP; AND

WHEREAS, TO HELP BRING AWARENESS TO THE ISSUE, THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK HAS AGREED TO HAVE 51 FLAGS PLACED AT BOROUGH HALL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NUMBER OF OVERDOSES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY SO FAR THIS YEAR AND THE PREVENTION COALITION OF MONMOUTH COUNTY WILL BE HOLDING AN AWARENESS EVENT AT RIVERSIDE GARDENS PARK ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 31, 2021 AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AND ENCOURAGE OUR RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.


PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR