

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS, IN FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019, 4.4 MILLION REPORTS WERE MADE TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AFFECTING EVERY SEGMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND FINDING SOLUTIONS REQUIRES INPUT AND ACTION FROM EVERYONE; AND

WHEREAS, OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCES AND WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND

WHEREAS, CHILD ABUSE CAN HAVE LONG-TERM PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL EFFECTS THAT HAVE LASTING CONSEQUENCES FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE; AND

WHEREAS, PROTECTIVE FACTORS ARE CONDITIONS THAT REDUCE OR ELIMINATE RISK AND PROMOTE THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND DEVELOPMENTAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN; AND


WHEREAS, EFFECTIVE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES SUCCEED BECAUSE OF PARTNERSHIPS CREATED BETWEEN CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS, EDUCATION, HEALTH, COMMUNITY- AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FAMILIES; AND

WHEREAS, COMMUNITIES MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT CREATE STRONG AND THRIVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; AND

WHEREAS, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE MUST WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE AND CONTRIBUTE TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN A SAFE, STABLE, AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT; AND

WHEREAS, PREVENTION REMAINS THE BEST DEFENSE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2022 AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN [LOCATION] AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THIS MONTH BY DEDICATING OURSELVES TO THE TASK OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR