

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

SKIN CANCER AND MELANOMA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, affecting 5 million individuals each year; one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime, and one in fifty will develop melanoma; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, ultraviolet rays from the sun, present even during overcast conditions, cause most cases of melanoma, the most lethal form of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States and recent studies indicate sun damage in childhood can lead to skin cancer later in life, it also shows young people are not using proper protection and still seek out indoor tanning facilities; and

WHEREAS, skin cancer can be easily prevented if the proper precautions are taken such as staying in the shade from the late morning to mid-afternoon, wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a lightweight, long-sleeved shirt, regularly applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen of an SPF 15 or higher with UVA and UVB protection, and avoiding indoor tanning reduce the risk of developing skin cancer; and

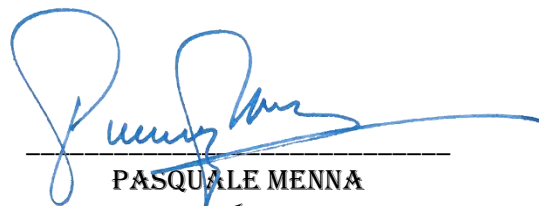
WHEREAS, a periodic skin self-exam, consisting of checking for any new abnormal spots, sores that don't heal, or a mole that changes shape, can detect skin cancer in the earliest stages; and

WHEREAS, Skin Cancer and Melanoma Awareness Month, an observance recognized by the Skin Cancer Foundation and the American Academy of Dermatology, provides an opportunity to educate people about how to recreate outside in a manner that keeps their skin in good health;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pasquale Menna, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, to help save lives and raise awareness of skin cancer, do hereby support and recognize May 2022 as

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and urge residents to talk with family and friends about the importance of early detection and prevention measures and to educate ourselves and others about this disease



PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR