

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS, TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME (TSS) IS A QUIETLY LETHAL AND PREVALENT COMPLICATION OF CERTAIN TYPES OF BACTERIAL INFECTIONS AND IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A CORRELATION TO SUPER-ABSORBENCY TAMPONS AND TSS; AND

WHEREAS, OFTEN MISDIAGNOSED, TSS CAN AFFECT WOMEN WITHIN DAYS OF TAMPON USE BUT, IF CAUGHT EARLY, IT CAN BE TREATED BY ANTIBIOTICS; AND

WHEREAS, MADALYN "MADDY" MASSABNI WAS AN ADMIRERED YOUNG RESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON WHO TRAGICALLY DIED FROM THIS DISEASE IN 2019 JUST THREE DAYS AFTER HER 19TH BIRTHDAY; AND

WHEREAS, MADDY'S FAMILY HAS CREATED "DON'T SHOCK ME-THE MADDY MASSABNI FOUNDATION FOR TOXIC SHOCK AWARENESS," A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION DEDICATED TO HEIGHTENING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF TSS BY SPEAKING TO AND EDUCATING YOUNG WOMEN AT COLLEGES AND HIGH SCHOOLS ABOUT ITS SYMPTOMS AND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TAMPON USE; AND

WHEREAS, THE FOUNDATION'S EFFORTS HAVE RESULTED IN THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A TSS PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN INCLUDING MANDATORY EDUCATION IN ALL HEALTH CLASSES IN GRADES FIVE AND ABOVE AND THE DISPLAY OF INFORMATION ON THE WARNING SIGNS OF TSS IN PUBLIC RESTROOMS; AND

WHEREAS, MADDY MASSABNI, WHO WAS A HEALTHY AND VIBRANT FRESHMAN AT LYNN UNIVERSITY IN FLORIDA, WAS AT HOME IN RUMSON TO CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY WHEN SHE BEGAN TO FEEL UNWELL AND, WITHIN A DAY, SHE PASSED AWAY DEVASTATING HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 2021 AS TOXIC SHOCK AWARENESS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AND I CALL UPON OUR CITIZENS TO REMEMBER MADDY MASSABNI WHOSE TRAGIC PASSING HAS RESULTED IN EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF TSS AND TO INCREASE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISEASE'S SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS.

PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR