

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ARE OF ALL RACIAL ETHNIC, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS AND ARE ALL VALUED AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS, WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NEARLY ONE IN FOUR ADULTS HAVE SOME TYPE OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND

WHEREAS THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK FULLY SUPPORTS THE TRANSITIONING OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO PROMOTE INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION; AND

WHEREAS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IS A TIME TO RECOGNIZE A CULTURE OF MEANINGFUL AND FULL INCLUSION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, IN ALL FACETS OF COMMUNITY LIFE, AND TO SET FORTH ITS COMMITMENT TO IDENTIFY AND REMOVE BARRIERS TO INCLUSION FOR ALL RED BANKERS; AND

WHEREAS EARLY INTERVENTION, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE VITAL IN ENABLING CITIZENS WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY TO ENJOY THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE ABILITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ENRICHES EVERYONE'S LIFE AND SIGNIFIES RED BANK'S COMMITMENT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, ACCESS, AND RIGHTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE, MARCH 2021 AS **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH** IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, AND I CALL THIS OBSERVANCE TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL GOOD CITIZENS OF RED BANK, AND ALL GOOD CITIZENS AROUND THE WORLD.

PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR