

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS, JAZZ IS AN ORIGINAL AMERICAN ART FORM THAT AFFIRMS THE NOBLEST ASPIRATION OF OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER, INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINE, PERSEVERANCE AND INNOVATION; AND

WHEREAS, JAZZ HAS PRODUCED SOME OF AMERICA'S LEADING CREATIVE ARTISTS, RANKS AS ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST EXPORTS TO THE WORLD AND HAS INSPIRED DANCERS, CHOREOGRAPHERS, POETS, NOVELISTS, FILMMAKERS, CLASSICAL COMPOSERS AND MUSICIANS IN MANY OTHER KINDS OF MUSIC, AND

WHEREAS, WE HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT ALL JAZZ ARTISTS, EDUCATORS AND ENTHUSIASTS PRESENT, AND

WHEREAS, JAZZ HAS SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY FOR FREEDOM OF PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD AND HAS BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE THAT BRIDGES DIFFERENCES AND BRINGS PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, AGES AND BACKGROUNDS TOGETHER, AND

WHEREAS, RED BANK HAS A DEEP CONNECTION TO JAZZ AS THE BIRTH PLACE OF WILLIAM "COUNT" BASIE, THE HOME OF THE COUNT BASIE THEATRE WHICH OFFERS A JAZZ ARTS PROGRAM FOR KIDS AND PRESENTS PERFORMANCES BY SOME OF THE GREAT NAMES IN JAZZ TODAY LIKE DIANA KRALL AND THE WYNTON MARSALIS AND THE JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA, SERVES AS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAZZ ARTS PROJECT AND IS ALSO HOME TO THE SUMMER JAZZ CAFÉ AT THE TWO RIVER THEATER, AND

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK ALSO OFFERS EVENTS FOCUSING ON JAZZ MUSIC INCLUDING THE ANNUAL JAZZ IN THE PARK SERIES AND THE COUNT BASIE 365 CONCERTS HELD IN JOHNNY "JAZZ" GATTA PARK; AND

WHEREAS, THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2021 AS JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AND URGE OUR RESIDENTS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A LOCAL JAZZ SOCIETY, ENJOY THE ARTS AND MUSIC PROGRAMS OFFERED IN OUR BOROUGH AND TO CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH.

PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR