

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IS DEEPLY ENRICHED BY THE DIVERSITY OF ITS RESIDENTS, AND PROUD TO BE HOME TO A LARGE AND THRIVING ARAB AMERICAN POPULATION; AND

WHEREAS, FOR CENTURIES, ARAB AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHAPING, ADVANCING, AND ENRICHING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY MAKING IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL AREAS OF LIFE INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, ARTS AND SCIENCES, MEDICINE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE MILITARY; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE MIGRATING TO THE UNITED STATES, ARAB NEW JERSEYANS HAVE SHARED THEIR RICH CULTURE AND TRADITIONS WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS WHILE SETTING EXAMPLES AS MODEL CITIZENS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS; AND

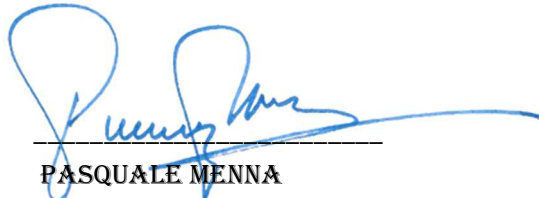
WHEREAS, ARAB AMERICANS BRING WITH THEM TO AMERICA THEIR RESILIENT FAMILY VALUES, STRONG AND DILIGENT WORK ETHIC, PEACEFUL IDEALS AND DIVERSITY IN FAITH AND CREED THAT HAVE STRENGTHENED THE STATE; AND

WHEREAS, DURING ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT KEY ISSUES AND PRIORITIES WITHIN THE ARAB AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND COMBAT HARMFUL STEREOTYPES, PREJUDICE, AND DISCRIMINATION; AND

WHEREAS, ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE GREAT PRIDE AND VIBRANCY OF THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ARAB AMERICANS IN NEW JERSEY WHOSE ABILITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S ECONOMY, DIVERSE CULTURE, AND COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK IS PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, AND COMMEMORATE THE ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, SACRIFICES, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT ARAB AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2021 AS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AND I CALL THIS OBSERVANCE TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL OUR CITIZENS.



PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR