

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IS OBSERVED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFLUENCE OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS TO THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

**WHEREAS**, NEW JERSEY IS PROUD TO BE HOME TO A LARGE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER POPULATION THAT CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO THE PROSPERITY AND ENRICHMENT OF OUR STATE; AND

**WHEREAS**, FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MEN AND WOMEN HAVE MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL AREAS OF LIFE IN NEW JERSEY, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, ARTS AND SCIENCES, MEDICINE, EDUCATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THE MILITARY; AND

**WHEREAS**, ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES ARE DEEPLY-ROOTED IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND NEW JERSEY, REMINDING US OF BOTH PROUD AND PAINFUL CHAPTERS OF OUR HISTORY; AND

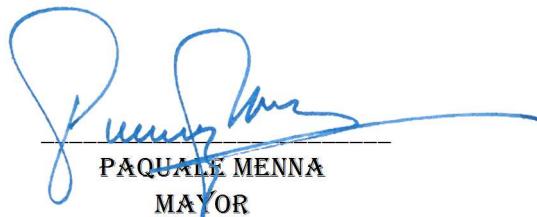
**WHEREAS**, ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN NEW JERSEY HAVE SHARED THEIR RICH CULTURE AND TRADITIONS WHILE REPRESENTING THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADVOCACY; AND

**WHEREAS**, DIVERSITY REPRESENTS ONE OF OUR GREATEST STRENGTHS, AND BY RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MEN AND WOMEN, OUR STATE CELEBRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSION TO BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS; AND

**WHEREAS**, NEW JERSEY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT IT IS EQUITABLE AND WELCOMING TO ALL PEOPLE; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK IS PROUD TO CELEBRATE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH, AND COMMEMORATE THE ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, SACRIFICES, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS HAVE MADE;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE MAY 2021 AS **ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH** AND I CALL THIS OBSERVANCE TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL OUR CITIZENS.



PASQUALE MENNA  
MAYOR