

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS COLORECTAL CANCER IS THE SECOND-LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS IN THE U.S. AMONG MEN AND WOMEN COMBINED;

WHEREAS ONE IN 23 AMERICANS WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH THIS CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME, ONE IN 5 OF THOSE WILL BE DIAGNOSED BEFORE THE AGE OF 55;

WHEREAS THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RECOMMENDS THAT SCREENING FOR COLON AND RECTAL CANCER SHOULD BEGIN AT AGE 45 FOR AVERAGE RISK INDIVIDUALS;

WHEREAS THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN ONE MILLION SURVIVORS OF COLORECTAL CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES;

WHEREAS THE NATIONAL GOAL ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER ROUNDTABLE IS 80 PERCENT OF AMERICANS AGES 50 AND OLDER BE SCREENED IN EVERY COMMUNITY;

WHEREAS IF THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AGE 45 OR OLDER WERE SCREENED REGULARLY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER, HALF OF ALL CASES COULD BE PREVENTED ENTIRELY;

WHEREAS IT'S CRITICAL THAT ALL PEOPLE, OF ALL AGES, KNOW THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE;

WHEREAS OBSERVING A COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH WOULD PROVIDE A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER EDUCATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DETECTION AND SCREENING.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 2020 AS **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS OVER 50 TO BE SCREENED FOR COLORECTAL CANCER.**

PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR