

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE BOLD, COURAGEOUS AND POWERFUL WOMEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ON AUGUST 18, 1920, DESERVE SPECIAL CELEBRATION BY THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, ESPECIALLY ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IT'S RATIFICATION IN 2020; AND

WHEREAS, NEW JERSEY WAS THE 29TH STATE TO RATIFY THE 19TH AMENDMENT ON FEBRUARY 9, 2020; AND

WHEREAS, THE 19TH AMENDMENT DID NOT GUARANTEE SUFFRAGE FOR ALL WOMEN, INCLUDING NATIVE AMERICANS WHO DID NOT GAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE UNTIL 1924; FOR ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS IT WAS 1952; AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATIN AMERICANS SUFFERED VOTER SUPPRESSION UNTIL PASSAGE OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 AND 1975; AND

WHEREAS, THE FACT THAT TODAY WOMEN ARE ACTIVE IN LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS REMINDS US THAT WE ALL FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THESE RESOLUTE AMERICAN SUFFRAGISTS: AND

WHEREAS, THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ADVANCING THE RIGHTS OF ALL WOMEN

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 18, 2020 AS AN OFFICIAL DAY OF CELEBRATION IN THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK TO HONOR THE COURAGEOUS WOMEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND, ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY RECOMMEND THAT RESIDENTS AND CIVIC INSTITUTIONS CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE AND RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT, PROVIDING FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE, TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES; HONOR THE ROLE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT IN FURTHER PROMOTING THE CORE VALUES OF OUR DEMOCRACY AS PROMISED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES; REAFFIRM THE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS AND ADULTS IN THE BOROUGH TO LEARN ABOUT AND COMMEMORATE THE EFFORTS OF THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT AND THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN OUR DEMOCRACY; AND REAFFIRM OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION AND TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO CHERISH AND PRESERVE THE HISTORIC PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED UNDER THE 19TH AMENDMENT.

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PASQUALE MENNA  
MAYOR