

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS, DENA RUSSO CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE RED BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL VICE PRINCIPAL AND HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE NEW JERSEY PRINCIPALS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION WITH ITS VISIONARY LEADER AWARD AND BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WITH AN OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AWARD; AND

WHEREAS, MS. RUSSO'S FOCUSED EFFORTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI) IN LITERACY WAS A KEY TO HER RECOGNITION AS A NEW JERSEY VISIONARY LEADER; AND

WHEREAS, SHE SYSTEMATICALLY CONSTRUCTED A TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT WITH THE LITERACY INTERVENTIONISTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES OVER THE COURSE OF FIVE YEARS, IDENTIFYING AT-RISK STUDENTS AND PROVIDING THE SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR STUDENTS TO REACH GRADE-LEVEL READING EXPECTATIONS BY THE END OF THIRD GRADE AND BECAUSE OF HER EFFORTS, IN 2018-19 ONLY 4 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ENDED THIRD GRADE NEEDING DAILY READING SUPPORT, A 61 PERCENT DROP FROM THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, MS. RUSSO ALSO COLLABORATED WITH MEMBERS OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE JERSEY SHORE TO ESTABLISH AN OUTREACH PROGRAM AND OVER 120 GIRLS SIGNED UP FOR GIRL SCOUTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 28, 2020 AS AN OFFICIAL DAY OF HONOR TO DENA RUSSO, A PERSON WHO SHOULD SERVE AS A MODEL TO OTHERS AND WISH HER AND HER FAMILY GOOD LUCK, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FOR THE FUTURE.

PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR