

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### OCTOBER 9-15, 2022 IS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK “FIRE WON’T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE.”

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Red Bank is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS**, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Bank residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Bank residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

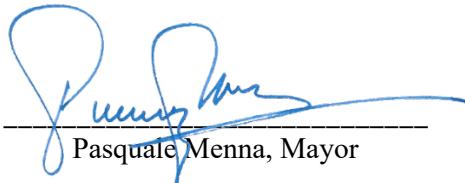
**WHEREAS**, Red Bank residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Bank first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Bank residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, *“Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.”*, effectively serves to remind Red Bank it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Pasquale Menna, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this state, and I urge all the people of Red Bank to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Red Bank’s fire and emergency services.



Pasquale Menna, Mayor