

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### DENIM DAY 2023

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every person in our nation as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

**WHEREAS**, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own – we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim's rights and to increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, international Denim Day has been observed since April 1999 as a symbol of protest in response to an Italian High Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans; and

**WHEREAS**, every year since 1999 community members, elected officials, businesses and students have organized to make a social statement by wearing jeans as a visible means of protest against myths that surround sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Bank is dedicated to support the Denim Day initiative as there is no excuse and never an invitation to rape.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, in the State of New Jersey, hereby recognize the 26th day of April, 2023 as;

### DENIM DAY

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

William Portman, Mayor

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