

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 26th day of April 2023.

2023

**DENIM
DAY**



William Portman, Mayor