

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### Honoring Councilmember Edward Zipprich

**WHEREAS**, Ed began his career with the City of New York during the administration of Mayor Edward I. Koch. Zipprich's career included law firm administration holding management positions in the AmLaw 100 firms: Sullivan & Cromwell, Debevoise & Plimpton, Blank, Rome, Tenzer, Greenblatt; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 Zipprich was elected to the Red Bank Borough Council, serving as the first openly gay member of the governing body. In 2013, Councilman Zipprich was nominated to run for the NJ Assembly in the 11th District. He is in his fifth term on the Borough Council and served as Council President in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, as a lifelong Democrat, Zipprich volunteered on his first presidential campaign in 2004 for Vermont Governor Howard Dean. Ed later became Monmouth County chairman of Democracy for America (DFA). He's been an active member of NJ for Democracy, Garden State Equality, The Bus for Progress and served as President of the NJ Stonewall Democrats over the years. Ed is also a founding member of the NJ Progressive Alliance and the NJ Democratic LGBTQ Caucus; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilman Zipprich served as Democratic Municipal Chair in Red Bank for 12 years. During that time, he was responsible for strengthening the Democrats presence on the Borough Council. In his final term as Democratic chair, he presided over the 4th re-election of Mayor Pasquale Menna, the election of the first Muslim-American to win a seat on Red Bank council while also helping to elect the first bi-sexual member of council; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed also served as Regional Vice Chair of the Monmouth Democratic Party and has been elected three times to serve as Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2012 (Obama), 2016 (Clinton) and 2020 (Biden); and

**WHEREAS**, he and his husband, JP Nicolaides, are the proud parents of a daughter, Mary Cate who resides in Somerville, Massachusetts with her husband Aaron.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, New Jersey, do hereby present this proclamation to Councilmember Edward Zipprich in recognition of his dedication and service to the citizens of the Borough of Red Bank

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, have hereunto set my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.



William Portman, Mayor