

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

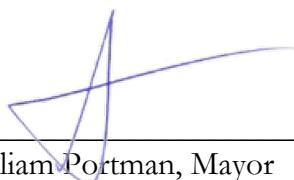
**WHEREAS**, As we forge new futures as a unified people, we must celebrate the unique and vibrant cultures that have written the American story. Many determined individuals have sought our shores as a beacon of hope and opportunity, and their spirit of limitless possibility and example of resolve continues to inspire and guide our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon arrival in the United States, the Italian American community faced racial, social, and religious discrimination. Yet, Italian Americans have persevered with hope and hard work to reach for the American dream and helped build our great country. As proud service members, they have also defended the liberty and integrity of the United States since the Revolutionary War; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, the legacy of these intrepid immigrants is found in the millions of American men, women, and children of Italian descent who strengthen and enrich our country. Italian Americans operate thriving businesses, teach our children, serve at all levels of government, and succeed in myriad occupations. Drawing on the courage and principles of their forebearers; and

**WHEREAS**, Generations of Italian-Americans have helped shape our society and steer the course of our history. Bound by enduring values of faith and family, Italian-Americans have flourished in all areas of our public and economic life while preserving their proud Italian traditions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William Portman, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023, as: ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



William Portman, Mayor