

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH

**Whereas,** Jazz is an original American art form that affirms the noblest aspiration of our national character, individual discipline, perseverance and innovation; and

**Whereas,** Jazz has produced some of America's leading creative artists, ranks as one of America's greatest exports to the world and has inspired dancers, choreographers, poets, novelists, filmmakers, classical composers and musicians in many other kinds of music; and

**Whereas,** we honor and recognize the outstanding work that all jazz artists, educators and enthusiasts present; and

**Whereas,** Jazz has spoken eloquently for freedom of people in the United States and abroad and has become an international language that bridges differences and brings people of all races, ages and backgrounds together; and

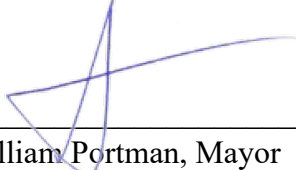
**Whereas,** Red Bank has a deep connection to jazz as the birth place of William "Count" Basie, as the home of two non-profit organizations that honor jazz in programming and in education; The Count Basie Theater, which presents performances by some of the great names in jazz today like Diana Krall and the Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, and Jazz Arts Project, which curates and presents world-class jazz events such as the annual Summer Jazz Café at Two River Theater and various jazz music education programs for area youth; and

**Whereas,** The Borough of Red Bank also offers events focusing on Jazz Music with two park series curated and presented by Jazz Arts Project; the annual Jazz in the Park series and the Count Basie 365 concerts held in Johnny "Jazz" Gatta Park; and

**Whereas,** the month of April 2023 has been designated as Jazz Appreciation Month, "JAM".

**Now, therefore,** I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Jazz Appreciation Month in the Borough of Red Bank and urge our residents to become involved in a local jazz society, enjoy the arts and music programs offered in our Borough and to celebrate the Month of April as *Jazz Appreciation Month*.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.



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William Portman, Mayor