

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

**RED BANK – JULY 1, 2023**

**W**HEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the first Non-Partisan Municipal Election was held in the Borough of Red Bank, establishing the new Council-Manager form of government. Uniting not by affiliation or standing but by shared ideals and unalienable rights.

On July 1, 2023, a new governing body committed to the principles of democracy, opportunity, and equality for all were inaugurated to commit to the patriotic work of doing all they can to better the community they love.

We know the journey to perfect our Union is unending, and we are strong enough to be self-critical. We can look upon our imperfections and decide that it is within our power to more closely align with our highest ideals.

We reaffirm the belief that loving this wonderful community requires more than singing its praises or avoiding uncomfortable truths. It requires the willingness to speak out for what is right and to recognize that change depends on our actions, our attitudes, and the values we teach our children.

**N**OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank on behalf of the Borough Council, do hereby commit to fulfill our sacred trust to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity". Fully understanding that these blessings are only what we make of them, and that our experiment in self-government gives work and purpose to each new generation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of July 2023.



  
William Portman, Mayor