

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### ARBOR DAY

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, 2023 is the 151st Anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper and wood, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023 as the 151st Anniversary celebration of Arbor Day in the Borough of Red Bank, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands;

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



  
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William Portman, Mayor.