

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr Day

**Whereas** the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's has profoundly impacted the course of American history and continues to shape the direction and debate of our society; and

**Whereas** one of the great leaders of that 20th century movement is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose "dream" is no less inspirational and important today than when he first expressed it more than 50 years ago, stirring to action Americans of every race and creed; and

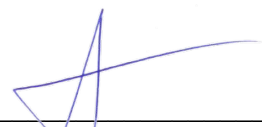
**Whereas** even with the gains of the Civil Rights movement over the years, there are many goals and needs that must be pursued to continue our commitment to achieve justice in our society, including a commitment to economic justice in the face of increasing disparity between rich and poor; and

**Whereas** as we look forward to the future with optimism - inspired by Dr. King's legacy and informed by his wisdom and vision - let us rededicate ourselves to keeping his dream alive and be reminded that we are united together as one community.

**Now, Therefore** I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, on behalf of the Borough Council, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2024 in Red Bank as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and encourage all of us to recommit ourselves to the advancement of equality and justice for all Americans, and to the full realization of Dr. King's dream.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 11, 2024.



  
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William Portman, Mayor