

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### EDITH BLAKE – 106<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

**WHEREAS,** Edith Antoinette Albert was born on February 25, 1918 in Brooklyn, New York, the first of four children, to William and Annette Albert; and

**WHEREAS,** at the age of 20 years-old Edith married Charles W. Blake and like her parents, they too had four children, three daughters and a son; and

**WHEREAS,** for many years the Blake family lived in a multi-generational home on Harrison Avenue until they were able to buy their own home on Pearl Street; and

**WHEREAS,** Edith was brought up attending St. James Catholic Church, she later attended Pilgrim Baptist Church and St. Thomas Episcopal Church where she was very active in the choir and other groups in the church; and

**WHEREAS,** during World War II Edith worked as a seamstress at the old Eisner factory on Bridge Avenue stitching army overcoats, but her true calling was as a caregiver to many children in the Red Bank, Shrewsbury and Little Silver areas.

**WHEREAS,** in honor of her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday Edith's friends and family will gather to celebrate this joyous milestone on February 22, 2024 at the Red Bank Senior Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, do hereby extend my personal congratulations, those of the Red Bank Council, and of the people of the community, to Edith Blake on the occasion of her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday, and do further declare the date of ***February 25, 2024, as "Edith Blake Day"*** throughout the Borough of Red Bank.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2024.



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William Portman, Mayor.