

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

HONORING 2023 RED BANK FIRE CHIEF WAYNE HARTMAN

It is with great honor that the Borough of Red Bank recognizes the retirement of Wayne Hartman, a member of Independent Engine Company, from the position of Fire Chief of the Red Bank Fire Department.

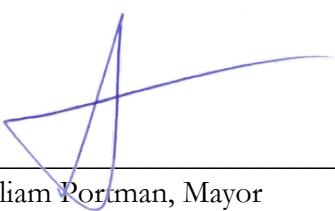
WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Navy, Wayne Hartman returned to civilian life in 1976. Still imbued with a sense to serve, he joined his father Lou and brother Larry in the volunteer ranks of the Fair Haven Fire Department and First Aid. To put this date in perspective, 1976 was the same year Rocky Balboa squared off against Apollo Creed, the Eagles released Hotel California and Jimmy Carter defeated Gerald Ford.

In 1979 Wayne Hartman moved to Red Bank where along with his wife Tina, raised a family committed to continuing the legacy of public service; Tina, an Ex-Captain of the Red Bank First Aid, his daughter Samantha, who is Ex-President of the Ladies Auxiliary, her fiancé Manny, an officer of Liberty Hose Company, grandson Jayden, daughter Breanna, serving as President of the Ladies Auxiliary, and Captain of the newly formed REHAB unit, and daughter Kaylee, current secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary, along with her boyfriend Luis, a social member of Liberty Hose Company, and grandson Luis III.

Over his decades of unwavering dedication, Wayne has served in every line officer rank with the department including the Red Bank First Aid and Rescue Squad. While serving as Chief for the third time (1995, 2019, and 2023), Wayne also served as a member of the Red Bank Scuba Team. With all the responsibilities and obligations inherent with the position, Wayne still manages to find time to for the Red Bank Fire Department Softball Team.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, on behalf of the entire Borough Council and the citizens we serve, take great pride and pleasure in drawing special public attention to Wayne Hartman for his many contributions and years of dedicated service to the citizens of Red Bank and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his life's pursuits.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of March, 2024.



William Portman, Mayor