

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - MARCH

**WHEREAS**, in honor of Women's History Month, we celebrate all of the achievements and contributions women have made. Over the course of the history of our nation, women have played a crucial role in advancing social justice, led groundbreaking scientific discoveries, enriched our culture with remarkable works of art and literature, and charted bold directions in our foreign policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Women's History Alliance, which creates and promotes National Women's History Month each March, has announced "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion" as the 2024 theme; and

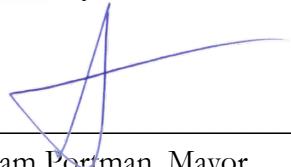
**WHEREAS**, the theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions. Women from every background have long realized that an uneven playing field will never bring equality or justice. Many feel the critical need to speak up and work harder for fairness in our institutions and social interactions; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the example of women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity. They know that people change with the help of families, teachers and friends, and that young people in particular need to learn the value of hearing from different voices with different points of view as they grow up; and

**WHEREAS**, it takes courage for women to advocate for practical goals like equity, diversity and inclusion when established forces aim to misinterpret, exploit or discredit them. Throughout 2024, we honor local women from the past and present who have taken the lead to show the importance of change and to establish firmer safeguards, practices and legislation reflecting these values. Following decades of discrimination, we are proud to celebrate women who work for basic inclusion, equality and fairness.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, do hereby proclaim and observe March is designated as "Women's History Month, and call upon the citizens to observe March as Women's History Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.



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William Portman, Mayor.