

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined; and

WHEREAS colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening, but 1 in 3 eligible Americans are not up to date on screening; and

WHEREAS colorectal cancer is estimated to be the number one cancer killer for those ages 20-49 by 2030; and

WHEREAS Black Americans are 20% more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 40% more likely to die from the disease than other groups; and

WHEREAS colorectal cancer is expected to account for 11% of cancer deaths among Hispanic men and 9% of cancer deaths for Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS in 2023 there were approximately 153,020 new cases and 52,550 deaths from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is to strive to increase timely colorectal cancer screening rates to 80 percent in every community for all Americans eligible for screening; and

WHEREAS observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor William Portman, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and I invite all citizens to join me in recognizing and reaffirming our commitment to fighting colorectal cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of March 2024.

A blue ink signature of the Mayor's name.

William Portman, Mayor.