

# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### HONORING CHARITABLE PHARMACY

**WHEREAS,** every day in New Jersey people struggle to afford pharmaceutical drugs like insulin, high blood pressure medications and other simple yet vital medicines to care for chronic conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Shah family lost their younger sister to diabetes and heart complications in 2021, not wanting another family to experience what they had, in April 2022 the Ritesh Shah Charitable Pharmacy was born; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the mission of the Ritesh Shah Charitable Pharmacy to increase access to medications, immunizations, health education and pharmacy services for uninsured and underserved patients, to reduce clinical and social health inequities in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** an estimated 100,000 New Jerseyans are living at or below 300% of the federal poverty line who cannot meet their vital pharmaceutical needs; and

**WHEREAS,** since its inception, the Ritesh Shah Charitable Pharmacy continues to serve with the expressed purpose of improving health outcomes among the vulnerable by reducing health disparities and increasing medication access.; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ritesh Shah Charitable Pharmacy celebrates their 2-year anniversary in April of 2024 by vowing to not only continue but to expand their outreach to ensure that every person has access to critical prescriptions, regardless of their ability to pay.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, congratulate the Ritesh Shah Charitable Pharmacy on their 2-year anniversary and wish them continued success in their mission, creating a healthier community and reducing health disparities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.



William Portman, Mayor