

BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 24-44

**AUTHORIZING AN HONORARY STREET RENAMING FOR A PORTION OF SOUTH
BRIDGE AVENUE AS "NORMA TODD WAY"**

WHEREAS, Norma Todd, a lifelong humanitarian who traveled across the globe in the 1940s with her husband, James, who was among the first Black officers of the US Foreign Service. Todd seized the relocations as a chance to serve local people in turmoil, from helping to manage cholera outbreaks in Egypt, to establishing Girl Scout troops in Indonesia and Barbados, to building a school for girls in Zambia"; and

WHEREAS, after years of travel, she was struck by the scope of hunger right here in her hometown, Red Bank, and across Monmouth County. In 1983, she was part of a gathering of 34 friends and volunteers who committed to do everything possible to aid people who struggled to put food on the table. That year, the fledgling organization opened in the basement of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Red Bank to serve hot lunches, and later in the Celestial Lodge; and

WHEREAS, while waiting for the construction of their own home and by 1986, Lunch Break took up residence in a new 'community center' at South Bridge Street's intersection with Drs. James Parker Blvd., where a brightly revamped and expanded charitable center stands today; and

WHEREAS, Norma Todd's spirit and legacy linger along South Bridge Ave., the Red Bank street that forms the corner where, 40 years ago, she established Lunch Break. Todd's love of her neighbors and her indomitable will drove her to create this citadel of hope in her own neighborhood, after a life of travel and service to people in troubled places around the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, Monmouth County, New Jersey, that the request of the Lunch Break Board of Trustees be honored and recognized by the honorary renaming of the portion of South Bridge Avenue, between Drs. James Parker Boulevard and Newman Springs Road, as "Norma Todd Way", in recognition of the dedication and contributions to the Red Bank Community.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Councilmember Bonatakis			x				I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, In the County of Monmouth at a Meeting held on February 8, 2024.
Councilmember Cassidy			x				
Councilmember Facey-Blackwood		x	x				
Councilmember Forest	x		x				
Councilmember Jannone			x				
Councilmember Triggiano			x				
Mayor Portman			x				
ON CONSENT AGENDA	Yes		x				


Laura Reinertsen, Borough Clerk