



PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

EARTH DAY – APRIL 22, 2024

WHEREAS, all species play a unique role in the complex web of life and contribute to the ecosystem services on which all life on Earth depends, and hence, protecting our species is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, wild animal populations have declined on average by more than half and the Earth is facing an era of mass extinction; and

WHEREAS, the loss of species is for the most part a result of human activity, including degradation of ecosystems, deforestation, pollution, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, many plants, wild animals, and pollinators live in urbanized landscapes, and cities thereby have a responsibility to examine the ecological impacts of expanding urban areas and how to protect biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to cooperate locally and internationally to defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to expand and diversify the global environmental movement to achieve maximum progress; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments and sustainability efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank proclaim that April 22, 2024 is **“Earth Day”** and citizens of Red Bank are encouraged to celebrate and to increase awareness and promote the protection of our world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of April 2024.



A blue ink signature of the Mayor's name, William Portman, Mayor, written in a cursive, flowing style.

William Portman, Mayor