



PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

LIGHT THE NIGHT

Whereas, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and

Whereas, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend marks the weekend following International Firefighters' Day 2024; and

Whereas, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is inviting landmarks, fire and community organizations, businesses, and homes across the nation to light up red from May 1st – 5th, 2024, National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, in honor and remembrance of the sacrifices of America's fallen fire heroes; and

Whereas, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community; and

Whereas, an average of 80 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

Whereas, it is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire.

Now Therefore, on behalf of the entire Council and citizens of Red Bank, I, Mayor William Portman, call upon all citizens of Red Bank and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the day of **May 5, 2024**, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel by lowering American flags on all buildings to half-staff. I respectfully encourage these same organizations as well as the citizens of Red Bank to remember all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes. I encourage our citizens to **"Light the Night"** for fallen firefighters, by lighting up red, their businesses and homes to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April 2024.



William Portman, Mayor