



# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC FREE DAY

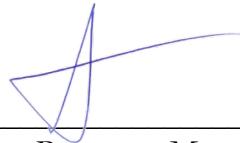
**Whereas**, single-use plastic products are contributing to the global environmental crisis by polluting our oceans, harming wildlife, and leaching toxic chemicals into our soil and water; and

**Whereas**, the Borough of Red Bank committed to promoting sustainability and reducing our carbon footprint and has adopted ordinance 2024-08 an ordinance amending Chapter 492 "Plastics And Polystyrene Foam; Single Use" to prohibit the distribution of plastic utensils, condiment packets, napkins, and/or extra containers with take-out or delivery orders, unless requested by a customer, within the Borough of Red Bank as initiated by the Red Bank Environmental Commission; and

**Whereas**, Plastic Free July is a global movement that encourages individuals and communities to reduce their consumption of single-use plastics and find alternative, more eco-friendly solutions. Together, let us be mindful of our impact on the environment and work towards a more sustainable and plastic-free future for our borough and our planet.

**Therefore**, I William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, on behalf of the Borough Council, do hereby recognize July 1, 2024 as, **INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC FREE DAY** and urge all residents, businesses, and community organizations to participate in this movement by reducing their use of single-use plastics, choosing reusable alternatives, and educating others about the importance of reducing plastic waste.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

A blue ink signature of the name "William Portman" over a horizontal line.

William Portman, Mayor

