



# PROCLAMATION

## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### POLLINATOR WEEK

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply. Pollination is crucial to more than 1,200 food crops and provides nourishment to nearly 200,000 different plants that yield various oils, cotton, clean air, seeds and vegetables. In fact, one-third of the nation's food supply depends on pollinators; and

WHEREAS, Pollinators include bees, wasps, sawflies, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies and vertebrates like some birds and bats. Responsible for helping 90 percent of the world's flowering plants reproduce, pollinators contribute to healthy ecosystems

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Red Bank promotes wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the importance of pollinators to healthy ecosystems and sustainable, diverse agriculture, I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17-23, 2024 as

#### **RED BANK POLLINATOR WEEK**

throughout the Borough, and call upon the people of Red Bank to join me in celebrating the significance of pollinators with appropriate observances and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2024.



A blue ink signature of William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank.

William Portman, Mayor