



PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

APRIL 21 – 27, 2024 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each subsequent year individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is about taking action and encouraging individuals, organizations, businesses and their respective communities to be at the center of social change by discovering and actively demonstrating the collective power necessary to foster positive transformation every community member can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small, utilizing their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, we seek to lift everyone up, and where we lead not by the example of our power but by the power of our example. As those who volunteer know firsthand, service also benefits the volunteer. It can teach important skills, help build professional networks, and provide an empowering sense of purpose. Volunteering brings people together, uniting us around our common belief in the dignity and equality of every person and giving us a chance to learn from others we might otherwise never meet; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems and our community's volunteers are a vital force to our future as a caring and productive community and should be lauded and treasured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, on behalf of the Red Bank Borough Council, do hereby proclaim *April as Volunteer Month* in the Borough of Red Bank.

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

William Portman, Mayor