



PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank recognizes that wildlife species are declining at an unprecedented rate. Globally there are over a million species endangered with extinction and one-third of North American wildlife species are at increased risk of extinction in the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank is working to build a healthy, sustainable and wildlife-friendly community that brings the many benefits of nature to all corners of our community; and

WHEREAS, Garden for Wildlife Month is a national initiative of the National Wildlife Federation that empowers Americans to support local wildlife, like birds and pollinators, by planting native plants in their garden and throughout the community to help restore and connect habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank supports and promotes Garden for Wildlife Month throughout the community and encourages residents to participate, including certifying and maintaining their properties as a Certified Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank will continue to support local efforts that protect, restore, and conserve habitat and vital environmental resources, as well as foster a greater connection between residents and wildlife; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I William Portman, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, do hereby proclaim May as:

GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE MONTH

In the Borough of Red Bank and encourage all residents to plant native plants and participate in community activities that support and celebrate healthy, sustainable, wildlife-friendly communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of May 2024.

William Portman, Mayor