

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

WHEREAS, RISA CLAY HAS ENJOYED A PRESTIGIOUS CAREER IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION SERVING IN POSITIONS RANGING FROM COUNSELOR TO SERVING AS THE PRINCIPAL OF RED BANK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (RBRHS); AND

WHEREAS, MRS. CLAY EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ONEONTA AND HER MASTER'S AT MONTCLAIR UNIVERSITY AND LATER OBTAINED CERTIFICATIONS AS A NJ SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR AND NJ PRINCIPAL; AND

WHEREAS, SHE JOINED THE STAFF AT RBRHS IN 1992 AS A STUDENT ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR WHERE SHE PROVIDED COUNSELING AND ADMINISTERED THE SCHOOL'S DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY; AND

WHEREAS, MRS. CLAY WROTE A GRANT FOR AND ESTABLISHED AND DIRECTED AN AWARD WINNING SCHOOL BASED YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM, CREATED A FOUNDATION BOARD AND ESTABLISHED NON-PROFIT 503(C)3 STATUS AND THE PROGRAM WAS VISITED BY SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE; AND

WHEREAS, HER NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS CULMINATED WITH HER BEING NAMED ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN 2006 AND PRINCIPAL IN 2009; AND

WHEREAS, MRS. CLAY HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF AWARDS INCLUDING THE PARTNER IN EDUCATION AWARD, THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD, THE WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, THE NAACP EDUCATION OF THE YEAR AWARD AS WELL AS MANY, MANY MORE; AND

WHEREAS, AFTER A LIFETIME DEDICATED TO THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY, RISA CLAY HAS DECIDED TO ENJOY A MUCH DESERVED RETIREMENT;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 22, 2019 AS A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION TO A WOMAN WHO HAS GIVEN SO MUCH THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AND, ON BEHALF OF ALL RED BANK RESIDENTS, THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CHILDREN AS WE WISH HER HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AS SHE ENTERS THIS NEW CHAPTER OF HER LIFE.

PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR