

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF JERSEY CITY  
NEW JERSEY

STEVEN M. FULOP



MAYOR

# Proclamation

## Jersey City Immigrant Affairs Commission Equality Day

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City is to recognize the **Immigrant Affairs Commission** to declare **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022** as **Equality Day** in observance of **Dr. Ambedkar's 131<sup>st</sup> Birthday**, And

WHEREAS **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's** slogan, "Educate, Agitate, organize" mobilized millions around the world to organize against discrimination based on religion, gender, race, class, and caste, and to promote universal equality and human rights;

WHEREAS **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar** overcame systemic discrimination and went on to succeed against all the odds to champion the rights of the most marginalized people in the Indian society;

WHEREAS **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar** advocated for the inclusion of women's rights in the Constitution of India and India's political system, writing "I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved";

WHEREAS **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar** led one of the largest civil rights movements in history, working to establish basic rights for hundreds of millions of Dalits, and succeeded in including Article 17 in the Constitution of India which abolishes untouchability and its practice in any form;

WHEREAS the Constitution of India enshrined fundamental human rights for all, preventing discrimination against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, or place of birth;

WHEREAS the Constitution of India was the first legal document in Indian history to have Dalits at the helm of its creation, and influenced the inclusion of minority rights in postcolonial constitutions around the world;

WHEREAS **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's** contributions to economics, political science, civil rights, religious harmony, and jurisprudence have had a profound impact around the world, promoting democratic values, unfettered equality, and justice for peoples of all castes, races, genders, religions, and backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, **STEVEN M. FULOP, MAYOR** of the City of Jersey City, hereby declare **Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, as **Equality Day** in observance of **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 131<sup>st</sup> Birthday**.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and the Seal of the Office of the Mayor on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand-Twenty Two.

STEVEN M. FULOP  
MAYOR