

# Proclamation

*By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick*

**WHEREAS**, the Township of North Brunswick's **Veteran Street Sign Program** allows Township residents who were Wartime Veterans to be recognized by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

**WHEREAS**, by adding names of local Wartime Veterans to public street signs, we hope to promote public awareness of these individuals and show our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in Military Departments as defined under Department of Defense which include Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Wartime Veterans are individuals who served in the active military forces, during a period of armed conflict or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medals during an emergency condition, including those who died in the line of duty in the active military forces; and

**WHEREAS**, **Michael Robert Lacik** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

**WHEREAS**, **Michael** was born on March 11, 1930 and grew up in Highland Park, New Jersey before moving to North Brunswick where he lived most of his life; and

**WHEREAS**, **Michael** served in the Army from January 26, 1951 through January 25, 1954 with an Honorable Discharge. He fought in the Korean War and earned several awards and medals which include the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Combat Medical Badge 1<sup>st</sup> Award and the United Nations Service Medal and Two Bronze Service Stars; and

**WHEREAS**, **Michael** worked for Triangle Conduit and Cable for thirty three years and for North Brunswick Township for twelve years. Michael was also a Volunteer fireman for Co. #3 for Fifty years-Township and Company Chiefs, a member of the Adams Athletic Club and a member of the VFW Post 3117 in Edison, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, **Michael** was married to Marie Tavalaro and has two daughters, DebbieToth and Karen Firrello, two son-in-laws Michael Toth (deceased in 2010) and Mitch Firrello. Michael also has two granddaughters, Hayley Toth and Kimberly Firrello. Michael passed away on September 13, 2007; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Michael Robert Lacik** for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

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Francis M. Womack III  
Mayor

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Council President

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Lou Ann Benson  
Director of DPRCS

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Lisa Russo, Township Clerk  
July 10, 2017