

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, Rosario E. "Jim" Lombardo has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Jim was born on May 11, 1927 in New Brunswick before moving to North Brunswick where he attended the public schools; and

WHEREAS, Jim enlisted in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II on March 21, 1945. He served on the USS Grayson for 13 months in Saipan as a First Class Seaman. He held other ranks such as Able Seaman, Seaman Second Class and Seaman First Class. Jim also completed Recruit Training and Maintenance Equipment School as part of his training with the United States Navy. He was honorably discharged on July 20, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Jim was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Medal, American Theatre Medal and the Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Jim worked with his brother, Joseph Lombardo, at a gas station in North Brunswick as an auto body man which led to their own business, Lombardo's Auto Body Shop. The brothers owned and operated the shop until 1966. He then went to work at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as a Regional Senior Damage Appraiser until he retired. In 1984 he started and owned the Lombardo's Appraisal Service. When he retired from his business, he worked for the North Brunswick Township as a senior-citizens outreach worker until his death in 2002 ; and

WHEREAS, Jim along with his brother Joseph started the North Brunswick First Aid & Rescue Squad. He was an active member for 50 years and served as President, Captain, Senior Trustee and First Aid Instructor. Jim was the Past President of the New Jersey State First Aid Council, 14th District and was the Central Regional Vice President of the New Jersey State First Aid Council. He was influential in starting Emergency Medical Technician Training in Middlesex County. Jim was also the trustee of the North Brunswick Italian American Club and Chairman of the Carnivale Italiano for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jim married Rose Vaccaro on June 27, 1948. Together they have two children, Salvatore James (deceased) and Maryann and four grandchildren, Christina, Cheryl, Danielle and Dominique.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Rosario E. "Jim" Lombardo** for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

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