

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, **Joseph Victor Torre** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** was born on November 7, 1918 in Bronx County, New York; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** began his service in the United States Army in January 1941 after serving three years in the National Guard. He was a surgical technician with Company A, 199th Medical Battalion, 44th Infantry Division who served in World War II, primarily in France ; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** was awarded one of the first Silver Star Medals given by the 44th Infantry Division at the age of twenty-six for his heroic evacuation of nine wounded men through heavy artillery fire despite his own injury of a broken hand; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph's** numerous medals and honors include the EAME (European-African-Middle Eastern) Service Ribbon, Three Bronze Service Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, Two Purple Hearts, the American Defense Service Ribbon and the Silver Star Medal. Joseph was honorable discharged on October 4, 1945; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** worked for the United States Postal Service for 30 years before retiring in 1980. He was an active member of the Holy Name Society through Sacred Heart Church in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He passed away on October 13, 1986 at his home on Carpenter Road due to health reasons; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** was married to Jennie (Schepis) on September 18, 1949 and has two sons, John A. married to Mary Lynn and Joseph F. married to Margaret. They also have seven grandchildren.

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

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Council President

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Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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