

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, **Brian Stefan Beckelman** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Brian** was born on August 23, 1985; and

WHEREAS, **Brian** was accepted into Officer Candidates School in August 2007 and began training in the Marine Corp in September 2007 in Quantico, Virginia. He graduated in November 2007 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He went on to graduate from The Basic School in 2008 and from Logistics Officers Course in July 2008. He was also awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, **Brian** became the Platoon Commander for 3rd Platoon, Truck Company Bravo, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division in Camp Lejeune from 2008 through 2009. He served as the Platoon's most senior leader. He led his Marines in all aspects of the Marine Corps. He trained his Platoon in preparation for a deployment to Afghanistan. Second Lieutenant Beckelman was promoted to First Lieutenant in November 2008; and

WHEREAS, **Brian** was the Platoon Commander, Motor Transport Platoon from December 2009 through 2010. First Lieutenant Beckelman and his Platoon attached to 1st Battalion, 6th Marines to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During his time there, the platoon participated in Operation Moshtarak where they overtook the last Taliban stronghold in Helmand Province. They were involved in combat many times and were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and NATO Medal; and

WHEREAS, **Brian** was promoted to Company Executive Officer of Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. He led the company in the administrative matters, training, manpower, sourcing, and logistical support. He executed training evolutions to ensure combat-readiness of the entire company. Brian received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal at the end of his active duty in May 2011. He was selected to the rank of Captain in 2011 and was promoted to Captain on Inactive Duty following his Active Service.

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

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