

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 and Air Forces, as well as the 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, **George Cocco** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **George** was born May 5, 1914 in Windber, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, **George** served as Private First Class Rifleman in the United States Army from February 13, 1942 through October 12, 1945. During this time he was engaged in enemy combat in the New Guinea and Northern Solomons Campaigns. They made day and night attacks and patrolled into enemy territory; and

WHEREAS, **George** was the oldest of six boys. He along with three of his brothers Joseph, John and Dominic, served during the war at the same time; and

WHEREAS, **George** received the Asiatic – Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and two Battle Stars; and

WHEREAS, **George** was married to Pauline Georgianna Cocco for 59 years. Together they had two children, Carol and George. He was a township resident for over sixty years; and

WHEREAS, **George** before he entered the service he was employed by Berwind-White Coal Mining Co. in Pennsylvania. After the war he worked for thirty-three years as a Chemical Engineer for Bristol Myers Squibb and was a member of the Quarter Century Club and Retirees Club:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **George Cocco** 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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