

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, Jason Hatez has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

**WHEREAS, Jason** was born on March 30, 1971. Jason is a lifelong resident of North Brunswick Township and graduated from North Brunswick Township High School in 1989; and

**WHEREAS, Jason** enlisted in the United States Army in September 1989. He entered into Basic Training in October 1989 in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was trained as a M1A1(Abrams Main Battle Tank) Tank Crewman. In February 1990, Jason was in the United States Army in Europe assigned to D Company 2 Battalion 66<sup>th</sup> Armor regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division Forward in Garlstedt, West Germany. In December 1990, Jason was a part of Operation Desert Shield where he was assigned to 7<sup>th</sup> Corp. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Saudia Arabia; and

**WHEREAS, Jason** participated in Operation Desert Storm in January 1991 and in February of 1991 he took part in the 73 Easting Battle of Norfolk. In March 1991, Desert Storm transitioned to Operation Provide Comfort. He returned to US Army Europe in June 1991 and remained assigned to forward operating base, West Germany until June 1992; and

**WHEREAS, Jason** was honorably discharged in June 1992. His awards and medals include two Army Achievement Medals, two Army Accommodation Medals, one National Defense Medal, one Southwest Asia Service Ribbon with three stars(representing the three phases of action), and one Presidential Unit Citation. In September 1992, Jason worked as a dispatcher for the North Brunswick Police Department. In August 1994 he became a Police Officer for the North Brunswick Police Department. He retired in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Jason resides in North Brunswick Township with his wife, Natalie and children, Emily and Kyleigh.

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

Francis M. Womack III Mayor

Bob Davis Councilman Carlo Socio Council President

Lou Ann Benson Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk March 27, 2017