

# 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**, **Anthony Hlad** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anthony** was born on July 10, 1925 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. As a young boy, he would deliver food on a bicycle to earn money. Just before serving in the Navy, he worked as a Butcher in New Brunswick and as a Machine Lathe Operator for the Goetze Gasket Company; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anthony** began his career in the United States Navy on September 21, 1943 at the age of seventeen. He reported for active duty on September 28, 1943. Anthony's first ship during his duty was aboard the USS Alsea AT-97 Sea in 1944, where he made his voyage to Great Britain to bring supplies for the invasion of France. Upon returning to Norfolk, Virginia in May 1944, Anthony was reassigned to the SS Philip Livingston, a Liberty Freighter, which arrived in France with much needed supplies to support the push into France. The United States Navy's Armed Guard were assigned to protect the vessel. Anthony was a gunner aboard this ship. The Philip Livingston made its way through many ports such as Pearl Harbor and Guam. During Anthony's service in the Pacific, the waters and ports remained hostile until the Japanese surrendered in August 1945. Anthony was honorably discharged on November 13, 1945; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anthony** earned numerous campaign ribbons and medals for his service. His stations of service include United States Naval Training Center Newport, Rhode Island; Armed Guard School, Norfolk, Virginia and the Armed Guard Center Brooklyn, New York. During his time in the service, he also served on several tankers carrying fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anthony** moved to Osage Road in North Brunswick on August 13, 1968. He worked as a Butcher and then a Meat Manager for Acme Markets for thirty six and half years before he retired in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, **Anthony** was married to Elizabeth Kelemen on May 19, 1951. Together they have two children, Wayne and Linda, who is married to John Werda. They have three grandchildren; Lauren, Amy, and Brian. They were married for fifty eight years before Anthony passed away on February 23, 2010. All who knew Anthony, especially his family, are forever enriched by his love and kindness.

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

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Francis M. Womack III  
Mayor

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Lisa Russo, Township Clerk  
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