

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 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, **Jose Carlo Francisco**, also known as JC, has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Jose Carlo** was born on August 27, 1980 in Manila, Philippines ; and

WHEREAS, **Jose Carlo** moved to the United States with his parents and three siblings in 1990. In 1994, his family relocated to North Brunswick where he attended Linwood Middle School and North Brunswick Township High School. In high school he was the President of his graduating class and captain of the North Brunswick Township High School Wrestling Team. He graduated from high school in 1999. Jose went on to Rutgers University where he graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. During his high school and college years, Jose volunteered and participated in many programs and community events. He was also a coach and mentor for young students. During Hurricane Sandy, he organized a donation to help feed some of the residents in the community who were without power. Jose Carlo truly has a passion for community service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, **Jose Carlo's** grandfather is the inspiration behind him joining the military. During World War II, the Japanese invaded the Philippines. His young grandparents experienced the carnage of war in Manila. With the help from the United States forces, the young family hid from the Japanese Army. The United States forces helped the family in many ways. Jose's grandfather fought alongside the United States Army as a Freedom Fighter under the command of General McArthur's commander, Major General Valdez. His grandfather was wounded by a Japanese soldier trying to interrogate him but his grandfather never gave in. Jose wanted to stand up for the flag that so willingly stood up for his family when they needed it the most. Jose thanks the United States forces every day for making his American dream possible.

WHEREAS, **Jose Carlo** was a member of the United States Air Force from 2000 to 2008. He was deployed after September 11, 2001, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He served with the 514 ASTS. His unit was responsible for providing medical services to injured troops and ensuring the safety and well-being of the injured to medical facilities in Europe and the United States. Jose was one of three of the 130 members of his unit to be singled out for recognition by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and was Airman of the Quarter for his unit. He was honored by the German Military for service during his stay in Germany in which he provided health services to injured German troops.

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

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Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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