

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, **Joseph J. Rosta** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** was born on May 7, 1916 and lived in the New Brunswick area before moving to Stockton Place in North Brunswick in 1951; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** served in the United States Marine Corp from November 1943 until his discharge in December 1945. Joseph was a private in World War II who spent most of his time in the Pacific. During the Battle of Okinawa in May 1945, Joseph was shot in both legs and nearly killed while helping a wounded fellow Marine from the battlefield so he could receive medical attention. Joseph was awarded the Purple Heart for his act of bravery. He sacrificed much for the United States including his own life and his time spent away from family. During basic training, he missed the birth of his firstborn child. Joseph was Honorably Discharged on December 8, 1945 and was awarded several other high military decorations and awards. The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Joseph posthumously; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** began a career in sales upon returning from the war. He worked for Ehler's Coffee Company and for Diamond Label Foods. Joseph remained an active veteran and was then appointed to the New Brunswick office of the Division of Veterans Services, providing assistance to veteran families throughout Middlesex County ; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph** was married to Anastasia Lilly (Koontz) and together they have three children; Joseph Jr., Kathleen and Eileen. They also have many grand and great-grand children. Joseph sadly passed away on August 19, 1970; and

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

Bob Davis
Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
April 9, 2018

Lou Ann Benson
Director of DPRCS