

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

**WHEREAS**, **Francis** was born September 19, 1919 in Jersey City, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, **Francis** enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of nineteen and served on the USS Arkansas, USS Collett and the USS New Jersey. He served during battles in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific and the Philippines; and

**WHEREAS**, **Francis** was honorably discharged on January 1, 1947 and received a meritorious commendation for heroic actions aboard the USS New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, **Francis** attended T.V. Repair School under the GI Bill and opened his own T.V. Repair Shop. He also worked as an engineer for American Standard; and

**WHEREAS**, **Francis** was married to Elena on June 10, 1945. They have four children, Frank Jr., Marie Michaelson, Debbie Healy, and Joseph Pacia. He also has five grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, **Francis** sadly passed away on January 23, 1968 from cancer at the age of forty nine; and

**WHEREAS**, **Francis's** widow Elena continues to reside in North Brunswick at the North Brunswick Senior Apartments for the past eighteen years. Elena is ninety nine years old and truly loves the supportive and friendly community of North Brunswick Township.

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

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Francis M. Womack III  
Mayor

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Robert Corbin  
Council President

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Bob Davis  
Councilman

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Lou Ann Benson  
Director of DPRCS

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Lisa Russo, Township Clerk  
August 29, 2016

