

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

**WHEREAS**, **John** was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 24, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, **John** enlisted in the Army in August of 1944 at the age of eighteen. He completed his Basic Training in Camp Blanding, Florida and was then transferred to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He was sent to Europe on the U.S.S. Mt. Vernon and arrived in Marseille, France to a Replacement Depot where he was assigned to Co. I 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. This region was one of the last regions occupied by the German Forces. The region was called the Colmar Pocket and John was part of that battle until the early winter of 1945. His Division, along with other American troops, were instrumental in eliminating the German Army from the region. They made their way throughout Germany and through the fortifications built by the Germans; and

**WHEREAS**, **John** was stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany after the war was over and returned home in June of 1946. He was Honorably Discharged from Fort Dix on July 4, 1946 and re-enlisted from 1946-1948. He was Honorably Discharged a second time on November 22, 1949. John received numerous medals for his service which include the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, the European Middle Eastern Medal with 2 Battle Stars, the American Campaign Medal, the Occupation Medal, the World War II Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal of New Jersey, the New York State Medal, the Victory Medal and the French Legion of Honor Medal for Liberating France; and

**WHEREAS**, **John** lived in North Brunswick Township for many years while working for Hermann Forwarding Company and Bunzl as a Truck Driver. He retired and went to work for the North Brunswick Township Board of Education until June of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, **John** was married to Marie Saccente Stavola for sixty-five years and together they have four children: Maryann, John, Janet and James. They also have 10 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

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

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Francis M. Womack III  
Mayor

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Council President

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Director of DPRCS

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Lisa Russo, Township Clerk  
April 24, 2017