

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, **Lawrence Raymond DiPano Sr.** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Lawrence** was born on March 8, 1919 to Vincent and Jennifer DiPane in the city of New Brunswick, before moving to North Brunswick for nearly sixty years; and

WHEREAS, **Lawrence**, along with his four other brothers served in the armed forces. All five in the South Pacific at one time during their military careers; and

WHEREAS, **Lawrence** at the age of twenty five, was one of the first seven men from New Brunswick to leave the area for service to his country. Sergeant Lawrence Raymond DiPano Sr. served thirty three months in the South Pacific. He was a member of the 279th Signal Corps. He received many service awards and notes of honor including the Good Conduct Medal and earned an Honorable Discharge. On Saturday, June 4, 2005, Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack III presented a medal of honor from the Veteran's Affairs to Lawrence for his service to our country; and

WHEREAS, **Lawrence's** four brothers, Private First Class Nicholas at age twenty four, served for thirty six months as a member of the Signal Corps. Sergeant Joseph at age twenty three, served for twenty four months, landed in Hawaii to surprisingly be met by his brother Lawrence before leaving for the Philippines. He was with a tank destroyer unit. Private First Class Jerry at age twenty one was a medic in the 27th Infantry who received the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Vincent, the youngest brother, was a staff Sergeant in the Marines for fourteen years. He served Korea, Vietnam, and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, **Lawrence** was the owner and operator of L. DiPano and Company, an excavating business located in North Brunswick Township. He retired in 1990; and

WHEREAS, **Lawrence Sr.** known as "Larry" by all his friends and loved ones enjoyed fishing (his favorite spot was the Farrington Lake Dam). He especially enjoyed the water, time spent in his pool with neighbors and his children's friends. He also took pride in hanging the American Flag daily at his home, located at 377 Franklin Road, and trips to Admiral Farragut Academy Navel School in Toms River where his sons Vincent and Lawrence attended high school, trips to Mount Saint Mary's Academy visiting his daughter Lou Ann during her high school years and spending time with his grandchildren, Patricia, Lawrence (who carries his name today), Kimberly, Robert, Kristina, Melissa, Matthew and Daniel; and

WHEREAS, **Lawrence** was a member of Saint Mary's Parish in New Brunswick, a member of the North Brunswick American Legion and the North Brunswick Italian-American Social Club. Larry was known as a true "people person", he lived for his family, with a strong work ethic and commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, **Lawrence** married Louise Campolattano on November 24, 1946, and together they have four children, Vincent, Lawrence, Lou Ann and Michael. Lawrence was eighty six years old when he departed this earth on August 28, 2005.

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

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Council President

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Councilman

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Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
June 5, 2017