

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, **Michael F. Gaeta** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Michael** was born on May 23, 1918 in Bayonne, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, **Michael** entered the United States Army in 1941 as a Private in the 44th Infantry Division. In 1942, Michael attended the Officers Training Center in North Carolina. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. He served in England as a Captain during World War II and the Korean War. Michael served in the United States Army until 1946 and was recalled for duty in Korea 1952 until 1955. He also served in the Army Reserves until 1967 when he was Honorably Discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, **Michael** was awarded numerous medals such as the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal, a Presidential Citation as Commander of his Company and the World War II Victory Medal. In 2006, Michael was the Grand Marshall in the Memorial Day Parade and in 2015 he was named Veteran of the Year in North Brunswick Township; and

WHEREAS, **Michael** began teaching in Jamesburg High School in 1947. He went on to become the Vice Principal in 1950. From 1954 to 1955, he taught Military Science at the University of Tennessee after returning from Korea. Michael then returned home to Jamesburg where he worked as the Principal of Jamesburg High School until 1965 and then as Superintendent from 1967 to 1976. He retired in 1977 at the age of 59; and

WHEREAS, **Michael** was married to Ellanor for sixty eight years and together they have three children; Michael Jr. married to Lorraine, Richard married to Katy, and Kathryn married to William. They also have eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. They lived in North Brunswick for forty two years before Michael's passing on August 9, 2016. Ellanor still resides in North Brunswick .

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Michael F. Gaeta** 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

Lou Ann Benson
Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
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