

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, **William Joseph Kukor** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **William** was born on December 25, 1925 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He moved to North Brunswick in 1963; and

WHEREAS, **William** began his service to the United States Navy in 1944. He completed Naval Signalman Training School at the University of Chicago in August, 1944, during World War II. William was a Signalman Second Class in the Naval Armed Guard on Merchant Marine Ship USS Whitman that sailed to the Philippines in the Pacific Theater. His job as a Signalman consisted of both visual communications and advanced lookout skills. He was responsible for transmitting, receiving, encoding, decoding and distributing messages received from the visual transmission systems of flag semaphore, visual Morse code, and flag hoist signaling. They patrolled and escorted missions to Eniwetok, Johnston Island, Kwajalein and Ulithi in the south Pacific in the summer of 1945. The USS Whitman was a destroyer escort for the United States Navy during World War II and it protected convoys and other ships in the Pacific Ocean against the Japanese submarines and fighter aircraft. William was honorably discharged in the summer of 1946; and

WHEREAS, **William** was employed by the Rutgers University Press after returning from his service to our country. He moved on to a successful career in banking at Magyar Savings (now Magyar Bank). He retired as President of Magyar Savings in New Brunswick, New Jersey in 1987. William was a member of the New Brunswick Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. He served on many non-profit organization boards including the American Hungarian Foundation and the McCarrick Care Center. He was active at Camp Kilmer in Edison, New Jersey when the Hungarian refugees came from Hungary to the United States. He also loved to read and travel with his family; and

WHEREAS, **William** was married to Jessie and together they have three children; John married to Nancy, Rosanne married to Gregory and Patty (deceased). He also has four grandchildren and one great grandchild. He resided in North Brunswick for over thirty years before sadly passing away on June 20, 1996; and

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

Bob Davis
Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
May 7, 2018

Lou Ann Benson
Director of DPRCS