

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 G. Seckrettar Jr.** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **John** was born on November 13, 1928 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. John lived in Somerset, New Jersey before moving to North Brunswick in 1953; and

WHEREAS, **John** served in the United States Navy from September 1950 through July 1954. He served on the USS Wright as an Armament installer in the Korean War and was recommended for reenlistment. He completed Firefighting, Bombs & Fuses and 20mm courses while serving in the United States Navy. John was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal with European Clasp and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, **John** started Seckrettar Brothers Inc. after returning from war and worked in the construction business for many years. He later went to work for the North Brunswick Board of Education as a carpenter. In 1981 he was appointed by Mayor Matacera as North Brunswick's first Code Enforcement Officer. He worked in that position until his death on December 12, 1991. John will always be remembered as a kind man who would do anything for anyone; and

WHEREAS, **John** lived in North Brunswick for thirty eight years and was married to Gloria, who passed away in 2015. They have three children; Jeffrey, John, and Michael. They also have two grandchildren, Brian and Jennifer and three great grandchildren, Ryan, Luke and River:

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
August 27, 2018

Bob Davis
Council President

Lou Ann Benson
Director of DPRCS