

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 F. "Chippy" Wright** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **William** was born on July 20, 1927 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He was a lifelong resident of the Township of North Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, **William** joined the United States Navy in 1944 after training in Sampson, New York. He served in Okinawa, Japan, during World War II and was discharged in 1946. On January 24, 2017, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs presented the New Jersey Distinguished Service Metal to Seaman First Class William F. Wright posthumously, which was received by his family; and

WHEREAS, **William** graduated the Rutgers Business School for Municipal Registered Accounting and worked as the Director of Finance for North Brunswick Township for twenty five years before his retirement in 1990. He was also Custodian of school funds for North Brunswick Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, **William** was a life member of North Brunswick Volunteer Engine Company #1 serving for 61 years. He was the Fire Chief from 1965 to 1966 and also served as Secretary and Treasurer. William was a Member of the New Jersey State Fireman's Association and the Milltown Lodge #294 F&AM; and

WHEREAS, **William** married Patricia Gourley on November 6, 1956. Together they have two daughters Diane, married to Frederick Krepps and Pamela, married to Patrick J. Lane. They have three grandsons, Frederick, William and Brendan. The Wright family spent many happy summers at their home in Lavallette, New Jersey with their family. William passed away on January 18, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **William F. Wright** 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
May 22, 2017