

Proclamation
By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

Whereas, the Township of North Brunswick was incorporated with the State of New Jersey on February 28, 1779, and will celebrate its 242nd anniversary this year; and

Whereas, we recognize February 28, 1779 as the date North Brunswick was “founded,” following the formation of local governments including New Brunswick, East Brunswick and Milltown, which were all largely drawn from the larger borders of Piscataway; and

Whereas, Lenape Indian tribes were the first inhabitants of Middlesex County, followed by the Dutch who settled in the Raritan Valley in the mid-1700’s

Whereas, during the American Revolution, President George Washington and his troops regularly traveled through North Brunswick as they moved between Trenton and Princeton and the ports in Woodbridge and Perth Amboy; and President Abraham Lincoln traveled on the New Brunswick Turnpike, now known as Livingston Avenue, which was adjacent to the route of his “funeral train” to New York following his assassination in 1865; and

Whereas, many industries contributed to the growth of North Brunswick including a flour mill, a coal mine, and a quarry, along with the notable Parsons Snuff Mill and the National String Music Factory, and these companies were nationally recognized and shipped throughout the country; and

Whereas, Berdine’s Corner was the Township’s first developed residential area and provided a major intersection for roads and trolley lines to both New Brunswick and Milltown; and

Whereas, school houses were built in the early 1800s, a formal education system formed around 1829, a part-time police department was established in 1922, the first firehouse was organized in 1925, and the first aid squad was established in 1955; and

Whereas, “Founder’s Day” will annually celebrate the people, history, customs and traditions that make North Brunswick a prosperous, rewarding, and culturally diverse community bursting with pride and unlimited opportunities for all its citizens;

Now, Therefore, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, the creation of “Founder’s Day” to celebrate our long and rich history as a treasured and distinctive community.

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

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Council President

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
February 16, 2021