

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

WHEREAS, **William** is a 2005 graduate of North Brunswick Township High School. He holds a Bachelors Degree from Caldwell University, a Master Degree and an Education Specialist Degree from Seton Hall University. He served during Operation Enduring Freedom under the United States Marine Corp and currently works for the North Brunswick Police Department; and

WHEREAS, **William** enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in April 2009 and attended basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He was chosen and served as the Platoon Leader for the duration of his training. He graduated in July 2009 as the Honor Graduate and was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Private First Class. After graduating from the School of Infantry, William was assigned to the 3rd Battalion 6th Marines, Weapons Company, Combined Anti Armor Platoon. He was deployed in January through August 2010 to Marjah, Afghanistan as part of the initial increase of 35,000 troops by President Barack Obama. His unit cleared and secured the City of Marjah to assist the ongoing troop buildup. In March of 2011, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Corporal after attending Advanced Infantry School. William redeployed in June through December 2011 as a Section Leader who was responsible for overseeing a section of twenty Marines, five heavily armored vehicles and \$17 million dollars in serialized gear. He led the section on 200+ mounted patrols, clearing over 250+ choke points, allowing a safe passage for the section and nearby units from enemy improvised explosive devices. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal for superior performance as well as credit with assisting in the capture and detainment of forty- six suspected Taliban Fighters. He returned home after his second deployment and was briefly re-assigned to Tactical Training Exercise Group in Twentynine Palms, California. He conducted Pre-deployment Training Program (PTP) Assessments of Infantry Units during full spectrum operations to prepare units for deployment. He applied his combat experience to train hundreds of Marines in Infantry Tactics.

WHEREAS, **William** earned numerous awards serving in the United States Marine Corp that include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon (Afghanistan), the Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2), and the NATO Medal. He was also awarded the State of New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal for distinguished meritorious service in ground operations during Operation Enduring Freedom.

WHEREAS, **William** is married to his wife, Candice and they have two children, Mikayla and William III. They currently reside in North Brunswick Township as William continues serving his community.

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

Francis M. Womack III
Mayor

Carlo Socio
Council President

Bob Davis
Councilman

Lou Ann Benson
Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
2021