

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, **Gabriel John Suto** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Gabe** was born on May 27, 1960 in Woodbridge, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, **Gabe** moved to North Brunswick Township in 1972 with his family at the age of twelve. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1978 after graduating from North Brunswick Township High School. Gabe completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and was trained at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. Gabe was then assigned to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida, where he met his future wife. He later trained with the United States Navy Seabees in Gulfport Naval Station before serving overseas in Osan, Korea, the same location his father had served forty years earlier. After returning to the United States, Gabe served at Mather Air Force Base when he was assigned for training at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi to become a Communications/Navigation Specialist. His assignments consisted of Altus AFB in Oklahoma, Aviano AFB in Italy, Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, Dhara AFB in Saudi Arabia and finally to Dover AFB in Delaware. Gabe was the Lead Avionics Instructor Communications/Navigation for six years at Dover AFB and earned a degree in Human Resources at Wilmington University at New Castle, Delaware. He retired from active duty in September 2000 as a Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, **Gabe** earned several commendations while serving that include the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Medal, Air Force Longevity Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Small Arms Expert, Marksmanship Ribbon/Rifle, NCO Professional Military Education Ribbon, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, **Gabe** and his wife, Debbie reside in Camden, Delaware where they raised their children, Nicole Marie and Gabriel Anthony.

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

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