

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, Richard De La Cruz has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, Richard was born in Peru on October 13, 1982 and lived there for the first five years of his life; and

WHEREAS, Richard received his service training in the Infantry Machinegunner Section Leader and Machinegun Expert Marksman.. Richard served the military from November 2000 through November 2008; and

WHEREAS, Richard served in armed conflict in Operation Enduring Freedom in response to the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. Operation Iraqi Freedom combat in March 2003 and Operation Rapid Guardian Kosovo; and

WHEREAS, Richard’s achievements include Combat Action Ribbon Presidential Unit Citation, Kosovo NATO medal, Kosovo Campaign medal Selective Marine Corps Reserve medal, Global War on Terrorism Service medal and Iraqi campaign medal; and

WHEREAS, Richard obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Rutgers University and a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resource, along with Training and Development from Seton Hall University; and

WHEREAS, Richard proudly serves the Department of Public Safety for fourteen years, the last six as a detective and has found great reward serving the residents of North Brunswick.

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

Francis M. Womack III, Mayor

Rajesh Mehta, Council President

Councilman, Bob Davis

Lou Ann Benson, Director of DPRCS

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk 2023

