Proclamation

By Mayor and Council - Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee present an annual Youth Advocate Award in recognition of distinguished leadership efforts and volunteer activities in serving the youth of the Township of North Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, James Armstrong has been selected as the Youth Advocate Award recipient for 2023; and

WHEREAS, James was born in New Brunswick on January 27, 1966. At the age of three James and his family moved to North Brunswick and he remains a lifelong resident of our Township; and

WHEREAS, James is a third generation North Brunswick resident who is a graduate of Judd Elementary School, Linwood and North Brunswick Township High School. James is married to Patty Armstrong, they have two children, Robert and Philip, who both attend North Brunswick Township High School; and

WHEREAS, James started his scouting at the age of eight in 1974 where his interest and passion in scouting developed. James went on through his scouting career and received his Eagle Scout Rank in 1984 with Troop 50 in North Brunswick. James is a second -generation Eagle Scout. James continued with Troop 50 where he became an Assistant Scout Master. James was a Cub Scout Leader for Pack 81 from 2012 to 2017. James serves as the Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 18 from 2018 to present; and

WHEREAS, James is the Swimming and Life Saving Merit Badge Counselor for all Boy Scouts in Troop 18. James volunteers his time dedicated to teaching scouts water skills for the safety of all and their skills carry over into so many aspects of a Boy Scout's life; and

WHEREAS, James always supports all scouts and everyone he helps through Scouting and Aquatics Lessons to never give up. He always shares with the scouts to believe in yourself, encouraging all to develop to become the best person each individual can be. One of James's motto "Never say I can't, always try and you will succeed"; and

WHERAS, James has volunteered at countless Township special events throughout the years, sharing the importance of community service to the North Brunswick Youth; and

WHEREAS, James enjoys swimming, hiking, camping, skiing and fishing in his free time; and

WHEREAS, James demonstrates strong leadership in all his actions and makes a positive difference for the Youth of North Brunswick:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, the respect and admiration of the community of North Brunswick to James Armstrong, and present him the 2023 Youth Advocate Award.

Francis M. Womack III

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

December 18, 2023

Rajesh Mehta Council President

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Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Seven