

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, **Tanya Hughes** has been selected as the Youth Advocate Award recipient for 2023; and

WHEREAS, **Tanya's** passion for empowering the youth of our community and surrounding Townships is front and center in all of Tanya's volunteer efforts, especially, with the North / New Brunswick Girl Scouts; and

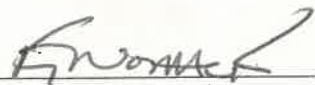
WHEREAS, **Tanya** and the Girl Scouts will be found making a positive difference throughout the year for the community of North Brunswick and surrounding Townships. Tanya is a stand out role model in leadership, organizational skills and guidance that has had a positive influence on all scouts; and

WHEREAS, **Tanya** and the scouts will be found at National Night Out, Heritage Day, Food Bank Snack Packing, Food Drives, Coat Drives to Unity Square, to Diaper Drives, creating Season Greeting Cards and providing snacks to first responders. They also have a special holiday tradition of Caroling each year at the North Brunswick Senior Housing Apartments located on Hermann Road that is a meaningful experience for the girl scouts and senior citizens, which warms the hearts of all. The scouts were part of events at Elmwood Cemetery, flag placing and laying wreaths for the program Wreaths Across America; and

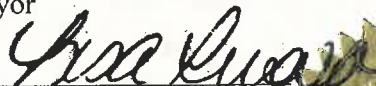
WHEREAS, **Tanya** has received the Spirit Award and Appreciation Award in 2022. The Spirit Award is a council award that recognizes and honors volunteers that are known in their community for exemplifying the true spirit of Girl Scouts. The Appreciation Award is a GSUSA level award presented to Tanya for her work with diversity, equity, inclusion and racial justice (DEIRJ) volunteer work in 2021; and


WHEREAS, **Tanya** is married to Robert Hughes and has two daughters, Lily in the 5th grade and Scarlett in 1st grade. Tanya, when not working as the Admin Ambassador of East Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce, knows the importance of family time, sharing adventures with friends, watching movies with her children and attending plays.

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 **Tanya Hughes**, and present her with the 2023 Youth Advocate Award.


Francis M. Womack III
Mayor


Rajesh Mehta
Council President


Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
December 18, 2023


Lou Ann Benson
Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

