

PROCLAMATION

By Mayor and Council – Township of North Brunswick

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick’s Veteran Street Sign Program recognizes Township residents who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces by adding their name on a secondary street sign to an existing Municipal Road; and

WHEREAS, adding names of local Veterans to public street signs promotes public awareness of these individuals and shows our appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our country as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, eligible military candidates for this honor include honorably discharged Veterans having served in United States Military Departments, including the Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, **Francisco Cortes** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Francisco** served in the U.S. Army from 1996 -1999. He was the foreman corporal in the second and the eleventh Armored Cavalry Regiments nicknamed Black Horse; and

WHEREAS, **Francisco** served at the elite Ft. Irwin. In 1951, the post became the home of the United States Army Armor and Desert Training Center and was designated Fort Irwin in 1961. In 1981, the installation was re- designated as the National Training Center (NTC) and since then, its development as the premier training site of the U.S. Army has been non- stop. From 1999 – 2003 Cortes enlisted in the National Guard. and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Cortes** is currently a Disabled Veteran for injuries sustained while on a Tank Mission at Ft. Irwin, California. He continues to give back a great deal to the veterans across the United States, particularly in New Jersey. He began as the Co – Founder of the NJ STATE VETERANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, which serves the Veterans business community across the state and has grown to one of the largest chambers of commerce in the State. He is now the CEO and President of the Setroc Group; and

WHEREAS, **Francisco** has a loving family, married to his wife *Claribel*, a former North Brunswick Board of Education member and a North Brunswick Township Council member who is now the Middlesex County surrogate and their son and daughter; and

NOW THEREFORE, **WE** the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **Do Hereby Proclaim**, distinguished recognition to **Francisco Cortes** for his service to our country ensuring freedom for all.

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May 6, 2024

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