

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, Douglas M. Bailey has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; **and**

WHEREAS, Douglas was born on July 16, 1950 and graduated from New Brunswick High School in June 1968. He joined the United States Army in November 1968. He trained at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Fort Knox, Kentucky in the armored division; and

WHEREAS, Douglas served in Vietnam with Troop C, 2nd Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry Division from June 1, 1969 to May 31, 1970. He was an Observer/Gunner on the armored tanks and worked closely with the driver to coordinate and maintain safety. Douglas completed numerous combat operations and earned many citations and commendations for his service. He received the Purple Heart for wounds he received in action on June 17, 1969. He also received the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device for his heroism of mortar and ground attack at the Battle of Song Mao with the US 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Regiment Blackhawks for continually exposing himself to fire in an effort to hold off the enemy, moving from bunker to bunker, guaranteeing the safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Douglas joined the Steamfitters and Pipefitters Local Union #9 upon returning from service to our country. He was a journeyman in the industry for 50 years until his retirement, making life-long friends along the way. Douglas truly enjoyed a life of service. He was a giving man who loved helping others, making life a happier place for everyone. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church where he served lunch to residents, he loved to cook, sing and listen to country music and the oldies. His hobbies include camping, fishing and boating in Lake George, New York; and

WHEREAS, Douglas greatest love was his family. Douglas passed away on May 10, 2022 and is survived by his sister, Susan and her husband, Dr. Thomas Schwartzer, his niece Mary and her husband Donald, their daughter Emma, his nephew Andrew and his wife Stephanie and their son Evan.

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

Francis M. Womack III, Mayor

Mary Hutchinson, Council President

Bob Davis, Councilman

Lou Ann Benson, Director
Parks, Recreation and Community
Services

Lisa Russo, Township Clerk
May 13, 2024