

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 Rico Samaroo** has been selected to be recognized in the Veteran Street Sign Program; and

WHEREAS, **Rico** born in Guyana, South America. In 2009, the Samroo family moved to North Brunswick where Rico started the 2nd grade; and

WHEREAS, **Rico** in September 2017 went to Lackland Air Force Base to start Basic Military Training, he graduated with honor, one of the honors included shooting exercises. Upon completing training, he went to Sheppard Air Force Base for technical Training. Rico shared three and a half years in the Air Force. He worked as an electrical power production journeyman in 3 locations, Germany, Poland and Korea. Rico served in 2 squadrons during his time the 786 Civil Engineer Squadrons Ramstein AF BASE Germany and 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Osan AF Base South Korea. Rico was a mentor to many of his fellow Airman while in Germany and South Korea; and

WHEREAS, **Rico** was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Medal, the M – 16 Expert Qualifying Medal, the Air Force Training Ribbon, Korean Defense Medal and upon his death was awarded the Airforce Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, **Rico** is remembered as a smart, caring, goofy guy and was good at his job, He was willing to assist whenever anyone needed his help. Rico is remembered for love of life, family, friends and service to his country. His infectious smile will be missed forever by all.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, distinguished recognition to **Richard Rico Samaroo** 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

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