



# Proclamation

**Whereas,** the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills seeks to recognize Township residents who were Wartime Veterans through the dedication of municipal roads; and

**Whereas,** by adding names of local veterans to public street signs, the Township hopes to show appreciation for their outstanding contributions and service to our nation as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

**Whereas,** Derek McConnell is recognized through the dedication of Adelpia Road; and

**Whereas,** the Township recognizes his service as a Sergeant in the United States Army; and

**Whereas,** Derek was wounded in Afghanistan in July 2011, while patrolling in the Zahri District in Kandahar; and

**Whereas,** Derek was brought in to secure an area where members of his platoon had been wounded by an explosive device. Derek volunteered to lead his fellow soldiers, and found himself in a small minefield, losing his left leg and his right leg from the knee, among numerous other injuries; and

**Whereas,** Derek passed due to complications of his wounds on March 18, 2013; and

**Whereas,** in honor of his sacrifice, the United States Military presented Derek with the Army Commendation with Valor; and

**Now, Therefore,** I, Michael A. Soriano, Mayor of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, do hereby dedicate the Street Sign on Adelpia Road in Lake Parsippany in his honor, and present this proclamation on behalf of the residents of Parsippany-Troy Hills as a token of gratitude to the family of

**SGT DEREK MCCONNELL**

**DATED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020**



*Michael A. Soriano*

MICHAEL A. SORIANO  
MAYOR