



PROCLAMATION
PFC FRANCIS T. DUFFY
DEDICATION OF TOWN ROADWAY IN HIS NAME
DECEMBER 01, 2020

WHEREAS, Francis T. Duffy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on August 4, 1942, and attended recruit training at Parris Island, S.C., and received follow-on infantry training at New River and Camp Lejeune, N.C., and;

WHEREAS, Francis T. Duffy trained for the Pacific campaigns at Las Pulgas Canyon, on the northern fringe of Camp Pendleton, CA., and sailed with the 4th Marine Division for the Marshall Islands on January 13, 1944, the only Marine Corps division to sail directly into combat from the United States, and;

WHEREAS, Francis T. Duffy participated in the landings at Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. At Iwo Jima, Francis T. Duffy was serving as a Runner for the Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division when a group of the enemy attacked the observation post personnel with hand grenades from a concealed position, Private First Class Duffy unhesitatingly advanced alone and despite being wounded by grenade fire, succeeded in annihilating two of the Japanese, and;

WHEREAS, Francis T. Duffy was awarded the Silver Star for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" for his actions and would spend a year in various naval hospitals recovering from the wounds he sustained until he was finally discharged on February 13, 1946, and;

WHEREAS, After the war, Francis T. Duffy was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and retired in June 1979. He and his wife, moved to Pearl River, N.Y. in January 1969, and raised their family, and;

WHEREAS, On the 1st of December, 2020, the Town Board designated a town roadway in Francis T. Duffy's name for a term of five years in his honor with the intention of installing nearby Memorial Street Sign to signify the dedication, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that I, Teresa M. Kenny, Supervisor of the Town of Orangetown, on this 1st day of December, 2020, on behalf of the Town Board, in honor of Francis T. Duffy, Railroad Avenue, between Central Avenue and Washington Avenue, Pearl River, is designated as "PFC FRANCIS T. DUFFY WAY". The aforementioned designation will expire December 01, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Orangetown to be affixed this **1st** day of **December, 2020**.

Teresa M. Kenny, Supervisor