

**PROCLAMATION
TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW GITTO
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.**

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Andrew Gitto and his family are residents of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Gitto a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. was sworn in as a Marine in July 2008; and

WHEREAS, He was previously stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina prior to his deployment to Afghanistan as part of his first combat assignment; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Gitto was wounded on Thursday, April 13, 2010, while on patrol near Marja in the Helmand Province, Afghanistan where U.S. and Afghan troops are battling entrenched Taliban forces amid immense poppy farming operations that sustain the Taliban's forces; and

WHEREAS, the thoughts and prayers of the entire Lopatcong Township community are with Lance Corporal Gitto, his parents, and family, as Andrew is treated for his injuries and we await word on his recovery; and

WHEREAS, the men and women, like Lance Corporal Gitto, who have served in the United States Armed Forces make immeasurable contributions toward the preservation of the freedom and democracy in this nation and in the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby recognize and commend Lance Corporal Andrew Gitto for his service and sacrifice on behalf of our country and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey urge the citizens of the Township of Lopatcong to express their heartfelt concern, deepest regard and sincere appreciation to you and your family as we honor you for your service and wish you a swift and full recovery.