



BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Honoring Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall

WHEREAS, Jesse Belnap (1760–1854) faithfully served in the Continental Army beginning in August 1777, contributing as an “artificer,” or blacksmith, in vital logistical support of General George Washington’s forces during the American Revolutionary War;

WHEREAS, during his service, Jesse Belnap was stationed at New Windsor and West Point, where he helped construct and deploy the historic Great Chain across the Hudson River—an essential defensive structure designed to prevent British forces from dividing the American colonies;

WHEREAS, historical accounts attribute to Jesse Belnap a courageous role in assisting with the placement of that chain, demonstrating personal bravery and ingenuity in service to the cause of American independence;

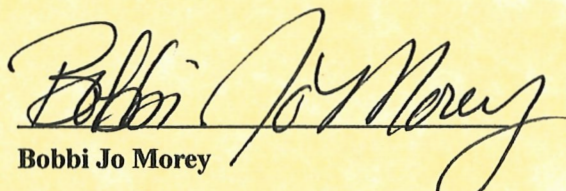
WHEREAS, Jesse Belnap endured the severe hardships of the Revolutionary War, including the harsh winter of 1779–1780, and was ultimately honorably discharged after years of dedicated service;

WHEREAS, Eunice Hall (1762–1849), his wife, shared in the sacrifices of that era, and together they contributed to the foundation and continuity of American family and community life;

WHEREAS, their legacy lives on through generations of descendants and serves as a reminder of the countless individuals whose quiet contributions helped shape the nation's independence and enduring strength and honor the values upon which the United States was built;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobbi Jo Morey, Mayor, do hereby recognize and honor the lives, service, and enduring legacy of Jesse Belnap and Eunice Hall, and encourage all residents to reflect upon their contributions and to express gratitude for the many individuals—past and present—who have served in defense of our nation and strengthened our communities through acts of service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of North East to be affixed this 27th day of June, 2026.


Bobbi Jo Morey
Mayor, Borough of North East

