



City of Philadelphia

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RESOLUTION NO. 250505

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RESOLUTION

Renaming the Wissanoming Recreation Center to the “Margaret Tartaglione Recreation Center” to honor the life and legacy of Margaret “Marge” Tartaglione, a pioneering public servant and leader in Philadelphia’s politics.

WHEREAS, Margaret “Marge” Tartaglione was born and raised in Philadelphia, where she and her husband Eugene built a loving family, raising five children. A proud matriarch, Marge was deeply devoted to her children—including State Senator Christine “Tina” Tartaglione—and to her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her personal and professional lives reflected a lifelong commitment to service, strength, and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, Marge Tartaglione served as Chairwoman of the Board of City Commissioners for four decades, overseeing elections in Philadelphia and ensuring the integrity of the City’s democratic processes; and

WHEREAS, Known for her fierce independence and commanding presence, Marge was a trailblazer for women in politics at a time when few had a seat at the table, earning admiration as a politician who spoke her mind and fought persistently for her constituents and committee members; and

WHEREAS, As the longtime Democratic Leader of the 62nd Ward in Northeast Philadelphia, she was a fixture in her community and hosted political meetings in her Oxford Circle home that became known for their intensity, honesty, and community focus; and

WHEREAS, Marge Tartaglione mentored generations of political leaders, opened doors for women in public service, and remained a steadfast advocate for neighborhood-level concerns, from potholes to public safety, always delivering on her promise to serve people; and

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WHEREAS, Her legacy continues through her family and the countless Philadelphians whose lives she touched through her work, leadership, and unrelenting dedication to public life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Renames the Wissanoming Recreation Center to the “Margaret Tartaglione Recreation Center” to commemorate the life and service of Marge Tartaglione—a groundbreaking public servant, political icon, and tireless champion for the people of Philadelphia.