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NYC Family Justice Center on Staten Island Named in Honor of Former Richmond County District Attorney William L. Murphy

Staten Island, N.Y. – Today, the NYC Family Justice Center on Staten Island was officially named for former Richmond County District Attorney William L. Murphy during a ceremony honoring his legacy. The building at 126 Stuyvesant Place is now the William L. Murphy NYC Family Justice Center. The ceremony featured Kathleen Murphy, the widow of the late Bill Murphy, sitting Staten Island DA Michael E. McMahon, Assembly Member Michael Cusick, and Rev. Bishop Victor A. Brown, Pastor of the Mt. Sinai United Christian Church.

Kathleen Murphy said, “I’m beyond happy and proud to have Bill finally recognized for his 34 years of public service. The Family Justice Center is a perfect place for his name, in that Justice and Bill Murphy are synonymous.”

District Attorney Michael E. McMahon said, “DA Bill Murphy was singularly committed to doing justice and was a trailblazer for prosecutors taking a problem-solving approach to the justice system, establishing many early alternatives to incarceration programs on Staten Island. He also understood and championed the importance of providing victims of crime with a full menu of support services, which is what the newly named William L. Murphy NYC Family Justice Center will continue to provide every day. As our sitting DA, it will bring me such pride to enter the William L. Murphy NYC Family Justice Center to continue his work of aiding those impacted by crime. I appreciate Kathy for her tireless work to have a permanent, public memorial established to honor her late husband, and we thank the City and the Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence for making this dream a reality.”

“New York City’s Family Justice Centers are a critical component in the City’s efforts to address domestic and gender-based violence,” **said Cecile Noel, Commissioner, NYC Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence**. “We want survivors to know they are never alone, and help is here for them through access to a wide range of resources from our Family Justice Center system and with vital partners including the Staten Island District Attorney’s Office. We thank the Staten Island District Attorney’s Office for their continued collaboration. And we thank Kathleen Murphy and her family for sharing District Attorney Murphy’s legacy with us.”

Assemblymember Michael Cusick said, “As we all know, Bill Murphy was an esteemed public servant, having served the city for 34 years and as District Attorney for 20 years. But it wasn’t the length of his tenure that made him so remarkable. Bill was a mentor and a dear friend of mine. He was the kind of guy who would stop and talk to anyone on the street. It was his heart and his leadership that made him a true public servant and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor.”

"Memorializing DA Murphy with the renaming of the Justice Center is a glaring testament to a true humanitarian who personified the tenet of liberty and justice for all," **said Rev. Bishop Victor A. Brown.**

Contact The William L. Murphy NYC Family Justice Center at (718) 697-4300 for vital services including immediate safety planning, shelter assistance, legal consultations, counseling sessions, case management sessions, mental health counseling, and more. All services are free, confidential, and available to survivors of intimate partner and family violence, stalking, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and elder abuse. People of all ages, sexual orientations, and gender identities, regardless of language spoken, income, or immigration status are welcome. For evenings and weekends, survivors can call NYC's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-621-4673), to access assistance with immediate safety planning, shelter assistance and community resources. Survivors with access to the internet can visit nyc.gov/NYCHOPE for additional resources and information. Survivors are additionally encouraged to call NYC Well (1-888-692-9355) for help with stress and anxiety, as well as to call 911 for emergencies.

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