

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 080319-A)

## AN ORDINANCE

Naming and designating Public Health Center 9 located at 131 E. Chelton Avenue as the “Mattie L. Humphrey Health Center.”

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey was born July 1926 and died in November of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey was a graduate of Girls High and received the Highest Honors in her class of 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey received a BS Registered Nurse degree from Catholic University in 1946; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, Mattie L. Humphrey was awarded a master degree in Hospital Administration from Wayne University; and

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey did not stop there, but proceeded to Villanova University, where in 1988, she received a Law Degree; and

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey was an unmistakable voice, a change agent honored by many from Elected officials, Civic groups to oppressed patients-prisoners and private organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey tirelessly helped bring Public Access cable television to Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey initiated programs such as the Gratersford Prison “Degrees of Captivity” to support prison inmates in making transitions; and

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey founded the former Germantown Health Committee, co-founded Citizens health Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Humphrey was a woman of firm faith, with her greatest accomplishments being her unique way of understanding the health needs of underserved communities, and making every effort to provide the necessary assistance; and

WHEREAS, Aside from Mattie L. Humphrey’s accomplishments as an attorney, nurse, journalist, public policy specialist and researcher, Mattie L. Humphrey was truly a champion to the people; and

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WHEREAS, Since Mattie L. Humphrey did so much for her community, especially in the health care field, it would be appropriate to rename **Health Center 9** located at 131 E. Cheltenham Avenue as “**Health Center 9 – The Mattie L. Humphrey Health Center,**” thus making the center a location to honor the long time champion of people, Mattie L. Humphrey; now therefore

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

Section 1. **Health Center 9** located at 131 E. Cheltenham Avenue is hereby named and designated as “**Health Center 9 – The Mattie L. Humphrey Health Center.**”

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on December 11, 2008. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on December 22, 2008.



Patricia Rafferty  
Chief Clerk of the City Council