

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, February 4, 2026, is National Girls and Women in Sports Day; and

**WHEREAS**, by an act of the United States Congress, February 4, 1987, was proclaimed as the first National Girls and Women in Sports Day in honor of Flo Hyman, a volleyball legend whose efforts to promote equality in sports were cut short by her untimely and tragic death; and

**WHEREAS**, many female athletes have distinguished themselves as representatives of Florida and the nation in international competition and the Olympic Games; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, women have made considerable advances in professional, collegiate, club, intramural, masters, high school, junior high school, youth, and recreational sports; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in sports is acknowledged as a positive force in developing and promoting physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, we need to encourage women of all ages to compete and contribute to sports at all levels of competition and recreation to help prepare the next generation of female athletes and sports leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, women have made considerable advances in professional, collegiate, club, intramural, masters, high school, junior high school, youth, and recreational sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Margate is extremely proud of our parks and recreational facilities and programs and their contributions to building healthy, active lifestyles to recreate, play, build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of self-worth, which enhances the quality of life in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Antonio V. Arserio, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2026, as

## NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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**ANTONIO V. ARSERIO, MAYOR**

Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Joanne Simone