

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 337

Approved July 31, 2017

WHEREAS, Alan Gregory Tortolani was born on November 2, 1976; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Rhode Island resident, Mr. Tortolani attended St. Raphael Academy, graduated from the University of Rhode Island, and earned a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Rhode Island College; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Tortolani sought to improve the lives of children through education, first, by working as an elementary school teacher and, later, by founding his own educational company, ABCya.com, which designs educational computer games for children; and

WHEREAS, An active member of his community, Mr. Tortolani was a coach in the Fox Point-East Side Little League, a frequent volunteer at Vartan Gregorian Elementary School, a diligent parishioner at St. Sebastian's Church, and a dedicated member of both Friends of Providence Parks and Friends of Paterson Park; and

WHEREAS, A staple of the community, he was frequently seen running and biking around the neighborhood, spending time with his family in Paterson Park, and hiking through the Blackstone Park woods with his children; and

WHEREAS, On April 15, 2017, Mr. Tortolani passed away unexpectedly at just forty years of age; and

WHEREAS, He was survived by his wife, Lisa Schiano Tortolani, their three children, Susanna, Antonio, and Livia, his parents, Alan and Gail Tortolani, his sister, Christina Tortolani, and many other family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Naming the field at Paterson Park in honor of Mr. Tortolani's memory would be an appropriate and fitting tribute to his life and many contributions to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does respectfully request that the Board of Parks Commissioners name the field at Paterson Park, "Alan G. Tortolani Field at Paterson Park."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Board of Parks Commissioners, the Superintendent of Parks, and Mrs. Lisa Schiano Tortolani.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUL 20 2017

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor  
Date: 7/31/17

WENDY NILSSON  
Superintendent of Parks

JORGE O. ELORZA  
Mayor



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

June 23, 2017

Lori. L. Hagen  
City Clerks Office  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Lori

The Parks Department strongly supports this Resolution Honoring the Life of Alan G. Tortolani by naming the field at Paterson Park in his memory.

Once the ordinance is approved, the Parks Department will bring it before the Board of Parks Commissioners for their approval.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Wendy Nilsson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendy Nilsson  
Superintendent of Parks

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