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PRESS RELEASE

**District Attorney Kicks Off
Greater Brandywine YMCA Advocacy Event**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan and the YMCA of Greater Brandywine will host a YMCA Advocacy Event at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. The event will be located at the Oscar Lasko YMCA and Childcare Center at 1 East Chestnut Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

The YMCA of Greater Brandywine is comprised of all of the YMCA facilities in Chester County. These include the Upper Main Line YMCA in Berwyn, the West Chester Area YMCA, the Jennersville YMCA, the Kennett Area YMCA, the Lionville Community YMCA, the Brandywine YMCA in Coatesville, and other locations.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "I grew up as a YMCA kid, as did all of my brothers and sisters. The Y is one of the pillars of our Chester County community, providing services to young and old, rich and poor, casual athletes and Olympians. I am proud to serve as a Y board member."

The advocacy event is an opportunity for the YMCA to showcase its services to elected officials. Representatives from federal, state, and local offices will be attending.

There will be presentations and performances from young people who participated in Y programs, including an Olympian, and a long-time YMCA gymnastics coach who helped to develop young athletes. Michelle Kichline, Chair of the Chester County Commissioners, will talk about the role of the Y in Chester County. District Attorney Hogan will tell the story about running through a Wisconsin blizzard to make it to an early morning Y swim team practice.

District Attorney Hogan added, "Like Chester County itself, the Y welcomes everybody to join us and make a better life for themselves and their families. We look forward to showing off the great programs and facilities of the YMCA of Greater Brandywine."

Any questions should be directed to Kathy Pfaff at 610-643-9622 (ext. 2106) or kpfafe@ymcagbw.org.

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Approved for release:

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