



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

SUPPORTING ARBOR DAY 2017 IN TAKOMA PARK

- WHEREAS,** trees are an important part of the character of Takoma Park and provide many benefits to residents, such as improving air quality, reducing the need for air conditioning, serving as windbreaks, stabilizing soils, providing watershed protection, and providing wildlife cover and food; and
- WHEREAS,** the Urban Forest Division of the Department of Public Works, in coordination with the Takoma Park Tree Commission and other interested residents, has organized an Arbor Day celebration; and
- WHEREAS,** cities play a vital role in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees and other environmentally sound practices; and
- WHEREAS,** this event is designed for the local community to participate in Arbor Day activities; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 8, 2017, outside the Takoma Park Maryland Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and
- WHEREAS,** the activities will include educational opportunities and the distribution of free tree seedlings; and
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park Tree Commission will be on hand to answer questions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, residents and staff, do hereby proclaim support for the the local environmental celebration of Arbor Day in Takoma Park on Saturday, April 8, 2017 and encourage residents to participate.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2017.

**Kate Stewart
Mayor**

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk