



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH – JUNE 2021

WHEREAS, since 2014, Immigrant Heritage Month has given people across the United States an opportunity to annually explore their own heritage and celebrate the shared diversity that forms the unique story of America; and

WHEREAS, as a nation of immigrants, the United States has benefitted from the culture, ideas, skills, and abilities of those who have come here to work, to learn, and to find freedom and shelter; and

WHEREAS, in Takoma Park, we have many first and second generation immigrants as our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of welcoming immigrants and it continues to work to build a caring, inclusive and strong community which celebrates its diversity; and

WHEREAS, because of our long-standing commitment to a community that values immigrants and their safety, the City will work to urge the members of the Maryland General Assembly to overturn Governor Hogan's recent vetoes of legislation to ban ICE detention centers in Maryland and prevent law enforcement officers from asking about someone's immigration status during a routine stop and to preclude the Motor Vehicle Administration from sharing personal information with federal immigration officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, residents, and staff, proclaim June as Immigrant Heritage Month in Takoma Park, and encourage everyone to commit to ensuring that ours is a welcoming community and welcoming State that upholds the rights of all people to live with dignity and respect.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Stewart", is written over a horizontal line.

**Kate Stewart
Mayor**