



Mayoral Proclamation

RECOGNIZING CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK – JUNE 3-11, 2023

- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most productive estuary in the United States, with its watershed spanning six states and the District of Columbia; and
- WHEREAS,** it is an extraordinary and vital natural resource, with some of the nation's most productive farm and forest lands; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay's watershed is home to more than 18 million people, many of whom rely upon its natural resources for their livelihood and recreational activities; and
- WHEREAS,** an important source of food for the State of Maryland and the east coast of the United States, the Chesapeake Bay produces more than 400 million pounds of seafood harvest each year; and
- WHEREAS,** the more than 76,000 farms in the Chesapeake Bay watershed contribute more than \$6.8 billion in value added contributions to the economy in the region and provide food to millions of Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay's tributaries in Maryland are an important source of drinking water, which is essential for public health and economic growth and a vital resource for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** protection and improvement of the Bay and its tributaries begins in the communities that are part of the Bay watershed; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Park efforts in support of Bay protection include stormwater management and installation of green infrastructure, stream restoration, litter reduction campaigns, and tree protection; and
- WHEREAS,** the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments recognizes the importance of Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week and encourages its members to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Talisha Searcy, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, do hereby proclaim June 3-11, 2023 as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week and urge all City residents to participate in events, activities, and educational programs designed to increase awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in our community.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2023.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor