



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

SUPPORTING ARBOR DAY 2023 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 stormwater run-off, lowering summer temperatures, reducing energy use in buildings, removing air pollution, absorbing emissions that contribute to climate change, improving human health, providing wildlife habitat and contributing to the beauty of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City plays a vital role in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees and other environmentally sound practices; and

WHEREAS, national Arbor Day is April 28th and Maryland Arbor Day is April 5th; and

WHEREAS, the City is observing Arbor Day with a celebratory gathering and tree walk on April 22nd.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim support for the urban forest in Takoma Park and encourage residents to plant trees and help preserve the tree canopy.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2023.

**Talisha Searcy
Mayor**