



Mayoral Proclamation

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is home to thousands of school-aged children whose safety and wellbeing is fundamental; and

WHEREAS, the City prioritizes public safety and the significant role of education to ensure the protection of our children and the crossing guards who assist them and teach them to look both ways before crossing the street and other essential safety rules; and

WHEREAS, each school day, regardless of weather, our dedicated and loyal school crossing guards ensure the safety of our children and families as they arrive to and depart from school; and

WHEREAS, school crossing guards provide essential public safety and services to our community, yet they encounter adversarial, dangerous, and sometimes hostile attitudes during the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, motorists should be aware of children walking to and from school and be especially cautious in and around school zones. They should follow the directions of all crossing guards and recognize that by doing so, road safety can be improved; and

WHEREAS, our longest serving Crossing Guard, Virina "Miss Liz" James, will be retiring after 25 years of noteworthy service to the City by ensuring the safety of our children and other residents; and

WHEREAS, the commendable service, responsibility, and professionalism demonstrated by our school crossing guards is deserving of acknowledgement and praise for their diligent efforts to protect our children and families, as recognized annually on Crossing Guard Appreciation Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Talisha Searcy, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, hereby proclaim June 5, 2024 as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in the City of Takoma Park, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

Proclaimed this 29th day of May, 2024.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor