



Mayoral Proclamation

Recognizing National Police Week, May 12-18, 2024 and Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, 2024

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Takoma Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Takoma Park Police play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all residents know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agencies and that members of our law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 26,553 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, and the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 135 officers died in the line of duty in 2023, and 282 new names of fallen heroes, past and present, are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2024; and

WHEREAS, a candlelight vigil honoring the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be conducted on May 13, during National Police Week in Washington, D.C. Peace Officers Memorial Day will be observed on May 15, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, hereby call upon all residents of the City of Takoma Park to observe this week as National Police Week to commemorate law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all, and to observe May 15, 2024, as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of those who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of their duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Proclaimed this 15th day of May, 2024.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor