



Mayoral Proclamation

RECOGNIZING RON HARDY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Ron Hardy joined the City of Takoma Park as the Emergency Preparedness Manager in 2013: and

WHEREAS, in the role of Emergency Preparedness Manager, Ron's work touched every City department as he conducted trainings and ensured that the staff and City Council were trained and prepared for emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Ron has served as staff liaison to the Council-appointed Emergency Preparedness Committee, where he worked directly with residents appointed to advise the City Council on preparedness and conduct community outreach informing residents about how to prepare for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Ron has been the public face of preparedness during his tenure in Takoma Park, tabling at the Folk Festival, the Street Festival and other events in the city, often in coordination with the Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Police Department, and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Ron worked with managers of large apartment buildings to engage those residents on emergency preparedness, and invited other departments to join him or to send information to him for distribution; and

WHEREAS, Ron organized and participated in public trainings on use of Narcan for overdoses and "stop the bleed," he organized the prescription drug take back program for the Police Department, arranged for blood drives in the Community Center, and played a role in the Community Police Academy, the community public safety meetings, and numerous other meetings, events, and programs over the years; and

WHEREAS, Ron is retiring on June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the City Council, residents, and staff, hereby proclaim our appreciation for Ron Hardy's service to the City of Takoma Park and its residents, and we wish him the very best on his retirement.

Proclaimed this 12th day of June, 2024.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor