



## City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

### Snow Angels Appreciation Day

- WHEREAS,** in 2014 the City of Takoma Park's Lifelong Takoma Program and the Difference Makers at Takoma Park Middle School joined together to develop a snow removal pilot program, called the "Snow Angels Program," to help residents who were physically unable to remove snow from their steps, walkways and sidewalks; and
- WHEREAS,** this volunteer effort has grown to include residents / neighbors of all ages and community partners like Takoma Adventist Church, Washington Adventist University and Blair High School; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Bryan Goehring, faculty sponsor of the Difference Makers, has coordinated the efforts of this expansive team of committed Snow Angels who faithfully showed up to remove snow for residents who needed assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** in the aftermath of an historic snow storm that dropped 18.5 inches of snow over 36 hours in Takoma Park, the Snow Angels cleared sidewalks, driveways, and paths of more than 84 homes, enabling residents to enter and exit their homes safely; and
- WHEREAS,** their good work also provided benefits to all pedestrians who were able to pass by these homes safely on cleared sidewalks; and
- WHEREAS,** the efforts of the Snow Angels serve as a wonderful example of the positive impact of volunteer service in our City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Stewart, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,** on behalf of the City Council, staff and residents, and in recognition of National Volunteer Month, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2016 as Snow Angels Appreciation Day in Takoma Park; and

**FURTHERMORE,** this day celebrates a successful example of a unique and timely intergenerational volunteer program that came about through the partnership between Lifelong Takoma and the Takoma Park Middle School's Difference Makers; and

**FURTHERMORE,** I recognize Miss Alicia Deeny, the Principal of Takoma Park Middle School, for allowing the club to operate within the school and for permitting students to respond to the residents who needed their assistance; and

**FURTHERMORE,** I thank all the volunteers who participated in and supported the program.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016

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Kate Stewart  
Mayor