



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

Recognizing June as Immigrant Heritage Month in Takoma Park

Whereas, the United States of America has always been a nation of immigrants; and

Whereas, each generation of immigrants has brought new cultural influences, ideas, and abilities that have built the United States' economy and enriched its character; and

Whereas, despite the contributions of immigrants, their role has been too frequently overlooked and undervalued throughout our history, continuing to the present day; and

Whereas, in the national debate about immigration, immigrants are too often viewed as people to be feared or blamed for problems in our society rather than individuals who have a right to personal dignity and to be treated with fairness and justice; and

Whereas, the City of Takoma Park has a long history of welcoming immigrants and working to build a caring, inclusive and strong community which celebrates its diversity; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park has many long term and new immigrants residing in the community and takes pride in being a place that they can call home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, residents, and staff, proclaim June as Immigrant Heritage Month in Takoma Park, and urge all to celebrate the opportunities we have to learn from each other as neighbors.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2016.

Kate Stewart
Mayor