



# City of Takoma Park, Maryland

## Mayoral Proclamation

*CHESAPEAKE BAY WEEK – JUNE 5-11, 2016*

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and, at one time, the most productive estuary in the United States, spanning six states and the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay watershed is an extraordinary and vital natural resource, as well as an integral part of Maryland's history and heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, it supports 348 species of finfish, 173 species of shellfish, and more than 3,600 species of plant and animal life, including 2,700 types of plants and more than 16 species of underwater grasses; and

**WHEREAS**, living within the Chesapeake Bay watershed with its rich history and environmental importance reminds us all of the responsibility we have to protect the Bay and our local streams from runoff, pollutants and litter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Takoma Park and its residents take these responsibilities seriously as evidenced by the City's stormwater management program, anti-litter campaign, forward-thinking environmental initiatives such as Safe Grow, the ban on polystyrene, and the impending plastic bag ban, and non-governmental efforts such as the stream stewardship carried out by Friends of Sligo Creek.

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has recognized the importance of Chesapeake Bay Week Awareness Week and has encouraged its members to do the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**, on behalf of the residents, Council and staff, do hereby proclaim June 5-11, 2016 as CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK in Takoma Park and urge all residents to recognize the importance of protecting and cherishing the Chesapeake.

*Dated this 6th day of June, 2016.*

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**Kate Stewart**  
**Mayor**

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk