



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

- WHEREAS,** on September 16, 1946, the first Montgomery Junior College classes were held in the evening in a local high school with a student body of 186 men and women; and
- WHEREAS,** in August 1950, the Montgomery County Board of Education purchased the Bliss Electrical School in Takoma Park for \$350,000 in order to use its seven-acre campus, six buildings, and equipment for its original campus; and
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus is home to the largest associate's degree nursing program in the State of Maryland as well as other high quality health science programs such as medical sonography, radiologic technology, polysomnography, physical therapy assisting, surgical technology, emergency management, and health information management; and
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus enrolls students from all MCPS high schools including large numbers from Blair, Northwood, Blake, Kennedy, Springbrook, and Paint Branch; and
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus offers signature programs in the visual and performing arts and is home to premier arts facilities such as the Cultural Arts Center and the Cafritz Family Foundation Arts Center; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Park/Silver Spring English professor, Dr. Greg Wahl, was named Maryland Professor of the Year for 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus hosts the Holy Cross Health Community Clinic and the College's Refugee Training Center; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 90% of Montgomery College students remain in Maryland and contribute to the state's economic growth, strengthening the local economy by **\$1.8 billion** through College operations, student spending, and alumni productivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the City Council, staff and residents, do hereby join the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of Montgomery College, and its students, faculty, staff and administrators in celebrating the College's 70th Anniversary.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2016.

**Kate Stewart
Mayor**