



City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Mayoral Proclamation

VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016

WHEREAS, each year, on November 11, we have a special opportunity to celebrate and honor our veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that military service involves a personal commitment to serve, but that service has impacts far beyond the individual – on families, friends, and communities that bear the temporary and sometimes permanent loss of a friend or loved one; and

WHEREAS, this year, we honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Adam S. Thomas, killed in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan on October 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Thomas lived in Takoma Park and worked as an environmental activist between graduating college and enlisting in the U.S. Army in 2008; and

WHEREAS, we honor the memory of Sergeant Jonathan Cadavero, a 2004 graduate of Columbia Union College, killed in Baghdad, Iraq in 2007; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate and honor our veterans this year, we will also remember our duty to work for peace and justice and an end to violence throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the City Council, staff, and residents, hereby recognize the extraordinary service provided by those in the military, thank those who have served in the past and who serve today, and honor those who have suffered injuries or who have died while performing their duties.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2016.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Stewart", is written above a horizontal line.

Kate Stewart
Mayor