



City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Mayoral Proclamation

CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK – JUNE 6-14, 2020

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and has been the most productive estuary in the United States, with its watershed spanning six states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council has in past years recognized the Chesapeake Bay watershed as an extraordinary and vital natural resource and ecosystem, with some of the nation's most productive farm and forest lands, a seafood source of major economic importance, as well as an integral part of Maryland's history and heritage;

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay watershed is home to more than 18 million people, many of whom rely upon the watershed's natural resources for their livelihood and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park is in the Sligo Creek portion of the Potomac watershed, which is important to the character and quality of life of our community and ultimately the health of the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, living within the Chesapeake Bay watershed with its rich history, economic and recreational importance, and environmental significance 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 innovative stormwater management program, and forward-thinking environmental initiatives such as the Safe Grow lawn chemicals ban, bans on polystyrene, plastic bags, and plastic straws, tree protection measures, and non-governmental and volunteer efforts such as the Friends of Sligo Creek's stewardship of the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has annually 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 residents, Council and staff, proclaim June 6-14, 2020 as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in Takoma Park and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of this observance and to recognize the importance of protecting and cherishing the Bay watershed.

Dated this ____ day of June, 2020

Kate Stewart
Mayor