



Mayoral Proclamation

Recognizing the Crossroads Farmers Market and Crossroads Ambassadors for Their Support to the Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- WHEREAS,** the Crossroads Farmers Market has been an essential food resource for the Takoma Langley community since 2007; and
- WHEREAS,** this year, amongst unprecedented challenges facing the community due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Crossroads continued to be a vital resource for the community; and
- WHEREAS,** in April and May, Crossroads offered an unlimited match on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) EBT, and maintained the match at \$50 for the remainder of the season. As of November 10th, Crossroads has matched more than \$23,000 in SNAP benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** volunteers committed more than 500 collective hours to support market and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operations; and
- WHEREAS,** Crossroads Farmers Market expanded its multi-farm CSA to offer 80 shares to two low-income senior centers at no cost; and
- WHEREAS,** Crossroads community ambassadors reached over 3,000 people to share information about the market, matching benefits, and signing up for SNAP; of these, 1,200 learned about the market for the first time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, staff, and residents, do hereby express appreciation to the Crossroads Farmers Market, including the Crossroads ambassadors for their support to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic:

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| • Shannon Tomac | • Flor Yanes | • Evelyn Cruz |
| • Maria Chevez | • Ruth Njike | • Tsehay Syoum |
| • Michelle Dudley | | |

Dated this 18th day of November, 2020.

Kate Stewart
Mayor