



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

SUPPORTING ARBOR DAY 2020 IN TAKOMA PARK

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of the character of Takoma Park and provide many benefits to residents, such as improving air quality, reducing stormwater run-off, lowering summer temperatures, reducing energy use in buildings, removing air pollution, absorbing emissions that contribute to climate change, enhancing property values, improving human health, providing wildlife habitat and contributing to the beauty of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, cities play a vital role in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees and other environmentally sound practices; and

WHEREAS, due to the Covid-19 health emergency, this year's annual Arbor Day celebration and tree giveaway were cancelled; and

WHEREAS, although this community event will not take place, the City will be promoting the planting of trees through the bulk buy program in the spring and fall to encourage residents to plant trees and help maintain a healthy urban forest canopy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, residents and staff, do hereby proclaim support for the urban forest in Takoma Park and encourage residents to plant trees and help preserve the tree canopy.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2020.

**Kate Stewart
Mayor**

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk