



Mayoral Proclamation

Recognizing Carina A. Ryder for Services Provided During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- WHEREAS,** Carina A. Ryder is a Certified Nurse Midwife and provider of health services at Takoma Park Gynecology, LLC, a business located at 7050 Carroll Avenue, Suite 201 in Takoma Park; and
- WHEREAS,** besides providing health care to her clients, Ms. Ryder was an early provider of coronavirus testing to City of Takoma Park essential employees; and
- WHEREAS,** early in March 2020 when coronavirus testing was very difficult to obtain, Ms. Ryder reached out and offered her testing services to our staff; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Ryder was available at all hours of the day or night for consultation and testing and was comforting and reassuring to staff members at a time when there were many unknowns regarding the virus; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Ryder's quick assistance was critical to quickly identifying positive and negative cases so that contact tracing and quarantining could be done promptly; and
- WHEREAS,** about six members of the Takoma Park Police Department and several other City staff were able to take advantage of the testing services which allowed service to the public to continue without major disruption; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Ryder represents the best of the Takoma Park community in stepping forward to help others in a difficult time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, on behalf of the Council, staff, and residents, do hereby express appreciation to Ms. Carina A. Ryder for her services to the City of Takoma Park during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kate Stewart
Mayor