



Mayoral Proclamation

Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 – October 15, 2020

WHEREAS, each year, September 15 – October 15 is recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census, Montgomery County has the largest percentage of Hispanic residents in Maryland, at 17.9%, 28.8% of Montgomery County students are Hispanic, and 10% of Montgomery County businesses are Hispanic owned; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park's population is 14.5% Hispanic and 12.4% of our City staff is of Hispanic heritage; and

WHEREAS, in Takoma Park, we support this opportunity to acknowledge and honor the culture and contributions of our Hispanic community and staff; and

WHEREAS, this year's Hispanic Heritage Month theme is:

"Hispanics: Be Proud of Your Past, Embrace the Future"

WHEREAS, it is undeniable that Hispanic people have enriched our county and city with their culture, traditions, and legacies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, residents, and staff, proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2020 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Takoma Park, and invite all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the contributions of our Hispanic community.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2020.

Kate Stewart
Mayor