



# Mayoral Proclamation

## Proclamation Recognizing the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op for Its Service and Support to the Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- WHEREAS,** the Co-op responded to increased demand for home groceries throughout late February and March by bringing in increased deliveries, adapting store operations for increased business and even hired temporary workers who had been laid off at other businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** TPSS made \$6,000 in donations to local food security organizations throughout March to recognize the growing need in the community brought on by the economic fallout due to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Co-op became the first grocery store nationally to close to the public and transition to an online only model. The store made this decision to keep customers and staff safe; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Co-op reopened to the public with a limited entry model, while maintaining online ordering and streamlined curbside shopping to offer a variety of safe shopping options; and
- WHEREAS,** the Co-op has had no cases of customer or employee coronavirus throughout the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the Co-op has kept full employment throughout the pandemic with no layoffs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Co-op has continued to work with local food distributions such as those conducted by Small Things Matter and Sanctuary DMV by providing space for storage and distributions.

**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 Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op for its service and support to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2020.

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Kate Stewart  
Mayor