



# Mayoral Proclamation

## Proclamation Recognizing the Old Takoma Business Association for Its Support to the Takoma Business District During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- WHEREAS,** the Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) raised over \$40,000 in community donations to distribute to local businesses as Micro-Grants for Covid-19 relief; and
- WHEREAS,** the OTBA connected local businesses with available State, County, District and City funding sources and provided business owners with application assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** the OTBA updated businesses regarding rapidly changing State and County closing and reopening regulations and assisted them with compliance; and
- WHEREAS,** the OTBA distributed Personal Protective Equipment and Safety Signage to businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** the OTBA provided research and support to businesses as they modified operations and introduced new procedures like delivery, online sales, outdoor dining, gift cards and more; and
- WHEREAS,** the OTBA introduced three new outdoor community areas for safe enjoyment of takeout from local businesses, fitness classes and neighbor meet ups; and
- WHEREAS,** the OTBA regularly updated the community on the status of the businesses and reminded the community to Love Your Local by shopping and dining at area businesses.

**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 Old Takoma Business Association for its support to the Takoma Business District during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2020.

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Kate Stewart  
Mayor