



Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Recognizing Young People Holding Bake Sales for The Movement for Black Lives Organization

- WHEREAS,** a number of young people aged 6-16 years old, living primarily in the New Hampshire Gardens Neighborhood, have been running regular bake sales over a period of about 12 weeks; and
- WHEREAS,** over \$3,000 in funds have been raised from the bake sales, and those funds are donated to the Movement for Black Lives Organization, with some funds donated to Small Things Matter; and
- WHEREAS,** the young people were aware that the movement to end racism and police violence against Black and Brown people was taking hold nationally and wanted to do something to help; and
- WHEREAS,** some of the comments of the young people include, "We have the opportunity to bring about change, meaningful change, and that starts with each of us. It's not that easy to grow up and not be suspect with skin like mine and I want to grow up non suspect." and "After we realized there was going to be a second civil rights movement, we thought that we should do our part so all kids, no matter the color of their skin or where you live can have a better future."; and
- WHEREAS,** the young people bake the treats and make lemonade (with some help from their parents), staff the stall, interact with customers, make change, and attract customers who are walking or driving by; and during the sale and handling the baked goods, they wear masks and gloves for safety; and
- WHEREAS,** young people involved include: Molly, James and Edie O'Brien; James and Jalil Small; Hadden Schwartz; Jonathan Matto; Sawyer and Mila Adams; Jackson and Eden Groeneveld; Liam and Yana Smith; Toby and Annaliese Wilkerson; Alex Franklin-Mindel; Sasha Vesensky; Sophie and Leo Shettler-Marx; and Ben and Andrew Corcoran.

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 young people holding the bake sales to support the Movement for Black Lives Organization while providing delicious treats for the community.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2020.

Kate Stewart
Mayor