



# City of Takoma Park, Maryland

## Mayoral Proclamation

### CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK – JUNE 5-13, 2021

- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and the most productive estuary in the United States, with its watershed spanning six states and the District of Columbia; and
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council has in past years recognized the Chesapeake Bay watershed as an extraordinary and vital natural resource and ecosystem, with some of the nation's most productive farm and forest lands, and a seafood source of major economic importance, as well as an integral part of Maryland's history and heritage;
- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay watershed is home to more than 18 million people, many of whom rely upon the watershed's natural resources for their livelihood, recreation and drinking water; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Park's location in the Sligo Creek portion of the Potomac watershed is integral to the character and quality of life of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** living within the Chesapeake Bay watershed--with its rich history, economic and recreational importance, and environmental significance--reminds us all of the responsibility we each have to protect the Bay and our local streams from runoff, pollutants and litter; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park and its residents recognize that the health of the Bay relies on all of us, and we take these responsibilities seriously as evidenced by the City's innovative stormwater management program, tree protection measures, and environmental initiatives such as bans on lawn chemicals, polystyrene, plastic bags, and plastic straws, as well as local non-governmental and volunteer efforts such as the Friends of Sligo Creek's stewardship of the watershed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments annually recognizes the importance of Chesapeake Bay Week Awareness Week and has encouraged its members to do the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,** on behalf of residents, Council and staff, proclaim June 5-13, 2021 as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in Takoma Park, and urge all citizens to celebrate the Bay and to recognize the importance of protecting and cherishing our Bay watershed.

*Dated this \_\_\_ day of June, 2021*

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**Kate Stewart, Mayor**