



# City of Takoma Park, Maryland

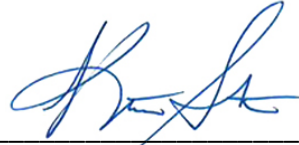
## Mayoral Proclamation

### Recognition of Two Years Fighting the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Whereas,** during the month of March, we mark two years of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Whereas,** on March 5, 2020 the first three cases of COVID-19 in the State of Maryland were identified in Montgomery County; and
- Whereas,** throughout this month we will take time to remember residents who have died from COVID-19 and reflect on the challenges we, as a community, have faced these last two years; and
- Whereas,** during the last two years many individuals and organizations have worked extremely hard to provide resources such as food, vaccines, tests and more; and
- Whereas,** the City has recognized over the last two years the contributions of many residents and organizations including:
- Carina A. Ryder a Certified Nurse Midwife and provider of health services in the community. Ms. Ryder’s quick assistance, especially during the first year of the pandemic was critical in quickly identifying positive cases so that contact tracing and quarantining could be done promptly.
  - Tommy’s Pantry, Small Things Matter, TPSS Food Co-Op, Adventist Community Services, and others who provided and continue to provide food and other necessities to those in need in our community.
  - Crossroads Community Food Network, which through its Farmers Market offered an unlimited match on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and helped promote vaccine clinics.
  - Crossroads Development Authority and Old Takoma Business Association for their support of our local businesses throughout the pandemic.
  - CHEER and Small Things Matters for their work in setting up vaccine clinics throughout the community and especially in apartment buildings.
- Whereas,** city employees have continued throughout this time to provide excellent City services and to assist residents in need; and
- Whereas,** the last two years have shown the need to continue our work to address disparities and meet the needs of all who live in our community, so we can live up to our values of being a truly welcoming, inclusive and thriving community.

**Now, therefore, I, Kate Stewart, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park,** on behalf of the Council, staff, and residents, do hereby express our deepest sympathies to those who lost loved ones during this pandemic and express appreciation to all those who have supported and assisted our residents and small businesses at this time.

Proclaimed this 9th day of March, 2022.



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Kate Stewart  
Mayor