



City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Mayoral Proclamation

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is recognized each March to promote respect for people with developmental disabilities and bring awareness of the barriers that people with developmental disabilities can face; and

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities are a group of conditions relating to physical, learning, language, or behavior that last throughout a person's lifetime, such as ADHD, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, intellectual disability, learning disability, and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the CDC estimates that about 1 in 6 children aged 3 to 17 has one or more development disabilities, and the exact number of people of all ages in the U.S. affected by intellectual and development disabilities is not known; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities should be treated with dignity and respect and should have the resources needed to live secure, fulfilling lives and access their communities and services needed; and

WHEREAS, stereotyping, discrimination, and bullying toward individuals with developmental disabilities is a nationwide problem; and

WHEREAS, awareness of barriers people with developmental disabilities can face in participating in the community, and collaboration on how to overcome those barriers, can bring about broader inclusion and better outcomes for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park strives to be an inclusive and equitable community where everyone is appreciated for their unique abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is a welcoming city that is dedicated to fostering acceptance and welcome of all residents and preventing discrimination and bullying; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is stronger and more vibrant because of residents with developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, residents, and staff, proclaim March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Proclaimed this 16th day of March, 2022.



Kate Stewart
Mayor