



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

WELCOMING WEEK 2022

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is home to a diverse population of refugees and immigrants, adding to the economic strength and cultural richness of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is a welcoming city that celebrates the growing diversity of its residents and acknowledges that refugees, immigrants, and all newcomers enhance the culture, economy, and wellbeing of our community; and

WHEREAS, our community's success and wellbeing depend on making sure that all residents feel welcome here; and

WHEREAS, residents of Takoma Park aspire to live up to our highest societal values of acceptance and equity, and treat newcomers with decency and respect, creating a vibrant community for all to live in; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week is an annual celebration to honor the spirit of unity that is bringing neighbors of all backgrounds together to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity; and

WHEREAS, we invite all residents of Takoma Park to join this movement of communities nationally and internationally by renewing our commitment to our core values and by taking action in the spirit of welcoming.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, residents, and staff, proclaim September 9-18, 2022, as Welcome Week.

Date this 14th day of September, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Stewart", is written over a horizontal line.

**Kate Stewart
Mayor**