



# **City of Takoma Park, Maryland**

## **Mayoral Proclamation**

### **Proclamation Recognizing the Closing of Mark's Kitchen**

**WHEREAS**, Mark's Kitchen will be closing its Takoma Park Restaurant after operating 32 years in Takoma Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Choe is the founder and owner of Mark's Kitchen; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark's first business in Takoma Park was the Takoma Grocery which he opened in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Choe pitched a plan to the Elektrik Maid Restaurant to take over its space for his casual full-service, family restaurant concept, Mark's Kitchen, in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark's Kitchen has offered a wide variety of options for breakfast, lunch and dinner, including many Korean specialties and vegetarian options, all made from scratch; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark's Kitchen has employed hundreds of Takoma Park residents over the years, including many teens who had their first job at Mark's; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark's Kitchen has hosted weekly benefit nights and has provided thousands of dollars to community groups and non-profits to further their missions; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark's Kitchen has been a community meeting space where residents catch up with neighbors and make new friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark's Kitchen has become a Takoma Park institution and Mark Choe and Mark's Kitchen that will be greatly missed by the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**, hereby congratulate Mark Choe on the long relationship with Mark's Kitchen in Takoma Park and thank him for his service and friendship to the Takoma Park community.

*Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.*

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**Talisha Searcy**  
**Mayor**