



City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Recognizing the Closing of Takoma Framers

- WHEREAS,** Takoma Framers will be closing after operating as a framing shop for three generations; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Framers has been an operational framing shop since 1948 when it was started by the Atherley family; and
- WHEREAS,** Mark Howard is the current owner of Takoma Framers which was purchased by his father, Alden Howard, Jr. and his Uncle Otis in 1970 from the Atherley family; and
- WHEREAS,** Alden Howard, Jr. worked for a framing shop for years in Washington, DC and made frames for the National Gallery of Art, before purchasing this shop in Takoma Park; and
- WHEREAS,** Mark Howard took over the business from his father in 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Framers has provided high-quality, hand-crafted framing and matting services; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Framers also was home to the Collectible Place from 1980-2000 offering antiques and collectibles and run by Mark Howard's mother, Margaret Howard and aunt, Betty Morgan; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Framers has helped beautify people's homes, save important memorabilia, and protect important works; and
- WHEREAS,** the family and Mark Howard lived above the shop for years; and
- WHEREAS,** Mark honored his family business by keeping the framing tradition alive as well as providing a small "yard sale" in the front window, a nod to the Collectible Place; and
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Framers has become a Takoma Park institution and Mark Howard will be greatly missed by the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, hereby congratulate Mark Howard on his retirement and thank him for his service and friendship to the Takoma Park community.

Dated this 25th day of January 2023.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor