



# City of Takoma Park, Maryland

## Mayoral Proclamation

### WELCOMING WEEK 2023

**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,** 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,** on behalf of the Council, residents, and staff, proclaim September 8-17, 2023, as Welcoming Week and 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 acting in the spirit of welcoming.

*Dated this 13th day of September, 2023.*

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**Talisha Searcy**  
**Mayor**