



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

Black History Month

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we reflect on the sacrifices and celebrate the many achievements and significant contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 national theme for observance is "African American Americans and the Arts" spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park recognizes that racial and ethnic diversity enriches our community; and acknowledges the challenges that African Americans face in achieving equity, opportunity, and social mobility; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize Takoma Park's own history of segregation, racial covenants, and discrimination that contributed to lower rates of home ownership and lower incomes in the City's Black community; and

WHEREAS, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging are priorities for the City and we are committed to working with our community to eradicate racism in all forms to provide an inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable future for all.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Talisha Searcy, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, do hereby proclaim February 2024, as "Black History Month" in the City of Takoma Park, and encourage all residents this month, and throughout the year to learn, observe, celebrate, and honor Black history and culture.

Proclaimed this 7th day of February, 2024.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor