

## Mayoral Proclamation

## Supporting Arbor Day 2024 in Takoma Park

- **WHEREAS**, trees are an important part of the character of Takoma Park and provide many benefits to residents; and
- **WHEREAS,** trees improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff, provide shade, lower summer temperatures and reduce energy use in buildings, remove air pollution by absorbing emissions that contribute to climate change, provide wildlife habitat, and contribute to the beauty of our neighborhoods; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City plays a vital role in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Takoma Park is observing Arbor Day with a celebratory gathering and tree walk on April 20th.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim support for Arbor Day and the urban forest in Takoma Park, and encourage residents to plant trees and help preserve the tree canopy.

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Mayor

Dated this 10th day of April, 2024.