

Introduced by: Councilmember Wright

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**Resolution 2009-54
Recognizing and Supporting Play Day in Takoma Park - September 26, 2009**

- WHEREAS, play is a crucial factor in the overall well-being of children; and
- WHEREAS, unstructured, unplanned, spontaneous, and self-motivated play is on the decline; and
- WHEREAS, fewer children spend time outside at parks and playgrounds; and
- WHEREAS, recess is being shortened or removed from many school curriculums; and
- WHEREAS, children who play are healthier and suffer less obesity and obesity-related health problems such as diabetes and heart disease; and
- WHEREAS, children who play do better in school and develop cognitive skills that are linked to learning and academic performance; and
- WHEREAS, children who play learn the social skills that help them become happy and well-adjusted adults; and
- WHEREAS, parents, schools, child care centers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and all interested parties wish to raise this community's children to become healthy, happy, and successful adults; and
- WHEREAS, Takoma Park was recently named a Playful City USA by KaBoom! National Campaign for Play; and
- WHEREAS, to draw attention to the importance of play, the first annual Takoma Park Play Day will be held on Saturday, September 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Heffner Park Community Center; and
- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Play Committee has arranged for signs noting "you are entering a Playful City" to be erected on private property at the following locations: (1) in the vicinity of Sligo Creek Parkway and New Hampshire Avenue; and (2) in the vicinity of Maple Avenue and Carroll Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

1. Recognizes the organizers of the First Annual Play Day in Takoma Park; and
2. Encourages residents to attend and support the event; and
3. Authorizes the placement of a banner in front of the Takoma Park Community Center to advertise the event; and
4. Authorizes the City Manager to direct the Public Works Department to erect two signs on private property in the vicinity of Sligo Creek Parkway and New Hampshire Avenue and in the vicinity of Maple Avenue and Carroll Avenue, pursuant to the agreements signed by the property owners.

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2009.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter
City Clerk