Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-49
RESOLUTION URGING COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCLUDE TAKOMA PARK IN
A PROPOSAL FOR A HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, the announcement in 2005 that Washington Adventist Hospital wishes to move from
Takoma Park to another location in Montgomery County has caused the community to
examine the possible health impacts of such a move on the residents; AND

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Health Services Impact Committee and the parties reviewing the
Washington Adventist Hospital Certificate of Need application have identified
populations that depend on the hospital for low cost primary care services; AND

WHEREAS, the disparity between residents with insurance and a choice of health care providers and
those with limited resources and limited health care choices is great in the Takoma Park
area; AND

WHEREAS, the group CHEER (Community Health and Empowerment through Education and
Research) is currently in the process of documenting disparate health needs in the
Takoma Park/Long Branch area; AND

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park area is a cohesive community within which efforts to address health
disparities may be more easily measured and addressed; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to improving the health care access and health outcomes
of the community across economic, racial, ethnic, age and cultural lines; AND

WHEREAS, the initiative of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to create Health
Enterprise Zones would encourage creative and measurable efforts to reduce health
disparities; AND

WHEREAS, community based organizations and local health departments will be invited to
submit proposals for Health Enterprise Zones this fall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK,
MARYLAND THAT community based organizations interested in resolving health
disparities and the Montgomery County Department of Health are encouraged to submit
proposals for a geographic area including all or part of Takoma Park as a Health
Enterprise Zone in order to address health disparities in the Takoma Park community.

ADOPTED this 30th day of July, 2012.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk