

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2013-20
SUPPORTING ARBOR DAY 2013 IN TAKOMA PARK**

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of the character of Takoma Park and provide many benefits to residents, such as improving air quality, reducing the need for air conditioning, serving as windbreaks, stabilizing soils, providing watershed protection, and providing wildlife cover and food; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Forest Division of the Department of Public Works, in coordination with the Takoma Park Tree Commission and other interested residents, has organized an Arbor Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, cities play a vital role in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees and other environmentally sound practices; and

WHEREAS, this event is designed for the local community to participate in Arbor Day activities; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at the Takoma Park Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the activities will include educational opportunities and the distribution of free tree seedlings; and

WHEREAS, the City Arborist, Friends of Sligo Creek, Maryland Department of Forestry and others will be on hand to answer questions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland supports the local environmental celebration of Arbor Day in Takoma Park on Saturday, April 13, 2013 and encourages residents to participate.

ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2013.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter
City Clerk