

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution 2015-26

**Recognizing the Leadership and Contributions of Sara Anne Daines
in Promoting the Arts and Humanities in Takoma Park**

WHEREAS, Sara Anne Daines has been the Director of the Takoma Park Department of Housing and Community Development since January 2002; and

WHEREAS, during that year, the City Council expressed its interest in establishing a Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission and Sara collaborated with the Council on the structure and purpose of the Commission. The Commission was established by Ordinance 2003-1; and

WHEREAS, Sara has worked with and provided guidance to the Arts and Humanities Commission since the beginning; and

WHEREAS, during this time, a cultural plan was prepared and adopted, a program of public art installations was established; and a Poet Laureate was appointed; and

WHEREAS, when the Municipal Building was renovated and became the Community Center, Sara led the effort to establish several galleries in the new space for curated exhibits; and

WHEREAS, when the Council Chambers in the Community Center was renovated into a multi-use Auditorium in 2010, Sara took on the task of programming the Auditorium and created the We Are Takoma series which provides monthly poetry readings, documentary film screenings, concerts, dance performances, lectures, and more – all with free admission so that Takoma Park residents and others can celebrate the creative spirit of our community; and

WHEREAS, Sara's work with the arts and humanities has never been part of her regular duties. She has taken it on voluntarily, and that means she spends even more time making Takoma Park a better place to live, work, play and learn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND recognizes Sara Anne Daines for her leadership in supporting and promoting the arts and humanities in Takoma Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council expresses its deep appreciation for the service she provides to the community.

Adopted this 27th day of April, 2015.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk