

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2016-32
SUPPORTING THE UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, given the backdrop of what is happening around the country, Takoma Park is not immune to the feelings of frustration, sadness, and anger when we witness violence and injustice taking place; and

WHEREAS, in particular, young people of color in our community are affected by these events that are shaping their childhoods, whom they trust, and how they interact with each other, police officers, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Meaghan Murphy, co-owner of Capital City Cheesecake, approached Mayor Kate Stewart and Takoma Park Police Captain Tyrone Collington with the idea of hosting an event to bring together our police officers and residents in our community, particularly young people; and

WHEREAS, that idea has grown into the Unity in the Community initiative, created to rally members of the Takoma Park community to take proactive steps to start conversations and establish partnerships of trust through relationship-building events to unite our police officers and the community; and

WHEREAS, the kickoff event will be a block party at Capital City Cheesecake, on September 25 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park will be a partner with the community in this effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND expresses its thanks to Meaghan Murphy for creating the idea and offering Capital City Cheesecake as the location for the first Unity in the Community event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council encourages residents to participate in this event, volunteer, lend services, and join together to organize other Unity in the Community events throughout the year

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk