

Introduced by: Councilmember Dyballa

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2022-44**

**Expressing Appreciation to Jarrett Smith
For Service as Takoma Park Ward 5 Councilmember**

- WHEREAS, Jarrett Smith** was elected to the Council in 2012 to represent Ward 5; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith was a strong advocate for the innovative, \$2.3 million multi-agency Flower Ave **Green Street** project, which improved safety and quality of life for Ward 5 residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith led the City Council to institute a **Montgomery College Scholarship program**, which has provided annual support for numerous students to pursue educational opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith was a sponsor of the citywide **plastic bag ban**; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith proposed the City's first **racial equity** resolution, leading to forward-thinking policies to build racial equity considerations in all City actions; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith initiated the City **anti-littering** campaign, focused on hot spots in the City and Ward 5, to protect the Creek and improve residents' lives; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith strongly advocated for City funding and support for **Lunch & Learn**, a youth summer literacy program designed to close the achievement gap that exists among youth who are underprivileged, now in its 9th year; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith advocated to allow disenfranchised **former felons** the ability to vote in the City once they have been released; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith worked closely with members of Essex House and others to ensure **food security** during the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith ably represented the City to the Maryland Municipal League in a variety of capacities, including as a member of the Legislative Committee, member of the MML Board of Directors, and as President of the Montgomery County Chapter; and
- WHEREAS,** Councilmember Smith was active with the National League of Cities, where he served on the Transportation Infrastructure Services Committee and the Technology Committee; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Smith is moving on to pursue other activities; and

WHEREAS, the service of Councilmember Smith has been of great benefit to the City and community of Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park hereby appreciates and salutes the service of Jarrett Smith as Takoma Park Ward 5 Councilmember and wishes him well.

Adopted this 21st day of November, 2022.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessie Carpenter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk