



Mayoral Proclamation

Economic Development Week in Maryland – September 28-October 2, 2026

This proclamation recognizes Economic Development Week as a time to highlight programs, policies, and activities that seek to improve the economic well-being of City of Takoma Park residents, businesses, and all Marylanders.

WHEREAS, Maryland Economic Development Week is celebrated annually in the fall and was established to emphasize the importance of economic development for the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is an important component of Maryland's success, representing 800 businesses and over 13,000 employees in a range of for-profit and nonprofit sectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park supports economic development through investments in infrastructure, housing, planning, the arts, parks, small businesses, and other amenities that are key to a strong local economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is an active member of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the knowledge and skills of its members, encourage partnerships and networking among people committed to bringing jobs and capital to Maryland, and promote economic development as an investment in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park highlights business retention and expansion efforts, and key economic development programs during Economic Development Week, recognizing the importance of economic development in supporting the business community, creating opportunities for residents and visitors, and growing the fiscal health of the city; and

WHEREAS, Economic Development Week provides the opportunity for community-minded organizations to collaborate and share strategies, programs, and best practices for advancing Takoma Park's and Maryland's economies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, staff and residents, do hereby proclaim the week of September 28-October 2, 2026, as Economic Development Week in Maryland.

Dated this 23rd Day of September, 2026.

Talisha Searcy
Mayor