

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE**

This proclamation recognizes Indigenous People's Day in the City of Hyattsville as a day to honor, educate, and reflect on Native American's history and culture and their contributions to the United States.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hyattsville is built on the ancestral homelands of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; including the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) people, who were the first inhabitants and caretakers of these lands and waters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hyattsville recognizes that Indigenous people were present in the Americas and the lands currently incorporated as the City of Hyattsville, long before colonization of the Americas began; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that United States Federal and State policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous People's Day serves as an opportunity to promote reconciliation and healing between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities by honoring Indigenous peoples and their experiences; and encouraging public policy, dialogue, understanding, and partnerships aimed at addressing historical injustices.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The City of Hyattsville that the City Council, staff, and residents recognize October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as Indigenous People's Day in acknowledgment of Indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive contribution that they have given to the City of Hyattsville.

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**Robert Croslin**

*Mayor, City of Hyattsville*

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