

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

HONORING CANDACE B. HOLLINGSWORTH AND HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

In recognition of her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for all residents while welcoming diversity and pursuing equity for all, this proclamation celebrates the honorable and distinguished career of Candace B. Hollingsworth and her years of service to the City of Hyattsville.

WHEREAS, Candace B. Hollingsworth was elected to City Council in 2011 and became the youngest Mayor ever elected in the City of Hyattsville only four years later. Upon her Mayoral election in 2015, she was only the second female to hold the position and the very first Black Mayor in the City of Hyattsville; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership and foresight, the City was able to engage in an increasing number of strong partnerships with businesses and non-profit groups that would empower small businesses and improve commerce throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hollingsworth enriched programming for seniors and youth, expanded voting rights for City elections, and designated Hyattsville as a Sanctuary City while enhancing transparency and engagement in local government; and

WHEREAS, among her many accomplishments, Candace has prepared Hyattsville to serve our anticipated population growth with funding for the construction of a public works facility, a new public safety headquarters, and the acquisition of a facility to serve as a hub for teen programming and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hollingsworth was responsible for initiating the Clean and Safe Team, founding the Race and Equity Task Force, the Education Advisory Committee, and the Complete Count Committee and establishing the \$1M COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund for residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and staff extend their sincere gratitude for the vision, leadership, and friendship of Candace B. Hollingsworth and are proud to see her take her advocacy for equality and justice to even greater heights.

Kevin Ward

Interim Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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