

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP OF HYATTSVILLE CHIEF OF POLICE AMAL AWAD

In recognition of the close of her tenure, this proclamation honors the innumerable contributions and unwavering leadership of Chief of Police Amal Awad and her service to the City of Hyattsville.

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Police Department has revitalized programming for the City's youth and teens as well as conducting outreach and holding events such as Coffee with a Cop, the annual Holiday Food Basket Program, and COVID-19 food distribution and testing support; and

WHEREAS, Chief Awad has been instrumental in the recruitment and retention of Hyattsville's law enforcement personnel which has resulted in a 20% increase in minority representation in recent years. She has set a new training standard for police departments across the National Capital Region mandating tours of the National African American Museum of History and Culture, developing Trauma Informed Response training, and Implicit Bias training in partnership with experts from the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Chief Awad possessed the foresight to establish the Department's first Media Relations Manager and Mental Health Programs manager with the dual purpose of exclusively managing communications and outreach, forming partnerships throughout the region and providing health and wellness resources to ensure the overall wellbeing of officers who are perpetually challenged with acute stress and traumatic encounters; and

WHEREAS, Chief Awad was nominated and chosen by her peers to serve as the president of the Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County in which capacity she brought together speakers and leaders from all areas, including academia, to encourage and emphasize standardization among departments in training, policies, and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Chief Awad has provided exceptional leadership, direction, and guidance to the more than 60 sworn officers and civilian staff serving as an exemplar of class and integrity during a time of local and national unrest, police distrust, and a global pandemic in which she exhibited openness, honest and thoughtful communication, tolerance and patience that brought a sense of calm, support, and understanding to the Hyattsville community.

Candace B. Hollingsworth
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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