

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING RUTH ANN FRAZIER AND HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

In recognition of her innumerable contributions to the Hyattsville community, this proclamation celebrates the ceaseless efforts and generosity of Ruth Ann Frazier, founder of the Sonny Frazier Toy Drive and Hyattsville Heroes Bowl.

**WHEREAS**, the charity and kindness of Sonny and Ruth Ann Frazier have been evident since the family began a tradition of hosting holiday gatherings at their home for children faced with economic hardship over 30 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, after the passing of Sonny Frazier in 2002, Ruth Ann continued the tradition and, in collaboration with local schools, police and fire departments, code compliance staff, and countless dedicated volunteers, established a non-profit organization that served approximately 100 children each year; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2011, Ms. Frazier organized the first Heroes Bowl flag football matchup between the Hyattsville Police Department and the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department which became an annual event with proceeds from donations and concession sales allocated for purchasing additional toys for the Sonny Frazier Toy Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, every December, Ruth Ann hosted the Sonny Frazier Toy Drive Holiday party which also served as the giving point for donated toys and clothing in which families were given the opportunity to “shop” for up to five (5) toys per child; and

**WHEREAS**, she and her team of volunteers have been integral in initiating outreach and providing relief to those in need as well as being an example and mentors to our community’s youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Ruth Ann Frazier for her years of dedicated service and leadership and for building relationships and partnerships to create a stronger and more connected community. We extend our best wishes in recognition of her extensive contributions to the City of Hyattsville.

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**Candace B. Hollingsworth**  
*Mayor, City of Hyattsville*

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