

Whereas, Bridget Donnell Newton has served the residents of Rockville on the City Council for the past fourteen years, 2009-2013 as a Councilmember and from 2013-2023 as Mayor; and

Whereas, Mayor Newton has served with integrity, strength, wisdom and leadership, and has distinguished herself and the City through her collaborative efforts, building better relationships with surrounding jurisdictions and bringing City government closer to the residents. During her tenure, the City received acknowledgements such as Money Magazine's Best Places to Live and Wallet Hub's 4th Most Ethnically Diverse Small City, and the City has received a perfect score on the Human Right's Campaign Municipal Equality Index (MEI) since 2017.

Whereas, Mayor Newton has been a consistent and unwavering advocate for our schools, police, neighborhoods and parks, working arduously to protect and preserve 140 acres of green space known as Redgate Park for current and future generations to learn and enjoy. She supported improvements to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, the Skate Park, the King Farm Farmstead and the renovation of the Pump House preserving an important piece of Rockville's past and creating a gathering space for the East Rockville Community.

Whereas, Mayor Newton represented the City of Rockville on both the Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League as President from 2012-2015, and at the MML State Level (as President from 2018-2019), as a Board Member on the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments from 2013-2023, on the Transportation Planning Board from 2010-2023 (Chair 2017), the Maryland Mayor's Association. She received the prestigious Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award in 2017. She is a graduate of the Academy of Excellence in Governance, a collaborative effort between the University of Maryland, Maryland Associations of Counties (MACo) and MML.

Whereas, Mayor Newton recognized the need for a Rockville Youth Commission to bring our students into the City's conversations, and the Financial Advisory Board so that the Mayor and Council has the benefit of resident's expertise. She initiated the Rockville Goes Purple campaign to bring awareness to the opioid crisis that has devastated our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the City Council, the residents of the City of Rockville, and those across the County and State, we offer our sincere appreciation for Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton's dedication and unwavering commitment to the betterment of the City she loves.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting on October 30, 2023.


Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations