



WHEREAS, youth sports are vital to healthy child development, linking participation to improved health, academic success, social connection, and life satisfaction, in line with Rockville's commitment to community well-being; and

WHEREAS, national strategies such as Healthy People 2030 and the National Youth Sports Strategy call on communities to expand access to safe, inclusive, and supportive sports opportunities for all children and youth, regardless of background or ability; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Bill of Rights in Sports, created by the Aspen Institute's Project Play, affirms every child's right to experience sports in a safe environment, to be guided by qualified coaches, and to be treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville recognizes that these rights strengthen children, families, schools, and neighborhoods by fostering resilience, teamwork, and belonging; and

WHEREAS, National Youth Sports Week, recognized by the National Council of Youth Sports, will be celebrated October 6–11, 2025, highlighting the importance of expanding and protecting youth sports access across the nation and within our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim their support for the Children's Bill of Rights in Sports and affirm the City's commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to play, grow, and thrive through sports; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **October 6–11, 2025**, as **"National Youth Sports Week"** and call upon residents, coaches, parents, schools, and community organizations to join in this celebration by uplifting youth athletes, promoting safe, inclusive, and fun opportunities for play, and advancing Rockville's proud tradition of excellence in recreation and community life.




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October 6, 2025