CITY OF COLLEGE PARK MILITARY RECOGNITION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the significant role the U.S. Military has played in the history and development of our country; and

whereas, the month of May was chosen as Military Recognition Month because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day, established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945, and Memorial Day when we honor and mourn members of our military who have passed away while serving, first celebrated in 1868; and

WHEREAS, Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present; and

WHEREAS, this month, we acknowledge and thank all of the people who have served our country through military service, and will give special tribute at the City's Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day, May 29, at 11:00 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park recognize May as Military Recognition Month and encourage residents to recognize and appreciate the efforts of our military who protect and serve our country with honor and courage.

PROCLAIMED THIS 23rd DAY OF May 2023.

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor City of College Park, Maryland