## PROCLAMATION In Recognition of BRENDA ALEXANDER

- **WHEREAS,** Brenda Alexander was employed on August 25, 1997, by the City of College Park to serve as the City Horticulturist; and
- **WHEREAS,** Brenda served as the Horticulturist until she was promoted to Deputy Director of Public Works on October 9, 2004, and as the Assistant Director of Public Works Administration since 2017.
- **WHEREAS,** Brenda will be retiring from the City of College Park on November 30, 2023, after more than 26 years of service; and
- WHEREAS, Brenda served under three Public Works Directors during her tenure: Patricia McCants (1997-2005); Robert Stumpff (2005-2018); and Robert Marsili, Jr. (2018-present); and
- **WHEREAS,** Brenda has successfully planned and led the beautification and enhancement of many of the City's green spaces and public areas, including its many local parks, dog parks, medians and pedestrian paths; and
- **WHEREAS,** Brenda has worked with various volunteer committees to complete the work necessary to be recognized as a Tree City, USA; a Bee City, USA; and the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, and
- WHEREAS, Brenda worked with the Tree and Landscape Board to create recommendations for the Urban Tree Protection Ordinance; and assisted with the Urban Tree Canopy Assessment consulting project; and organized two tree giveaways in 2022 to help with tree loss in the City, and
- **WHEREAS,** Brenda has worked in conjunction with the University of Maryland on Good Neighbor Day projects in the City, and
- **WHEREAS,** Brenda's professional demeanor and extensive knowledge of her profession and of the City have had an enormous impact on the employees and residents of the City of College Park; and
- WHEREAS, Brenda holds the following certifications: Maryland Roadside Tree Care Expert, Maryland Pesticide applicator, International Society of Arboriculture certified Tree Risk Assessment Qualification, and Maryland Compost Facility Operator; and maintains a Class B CDL driver's license; and
- WHEREAS, Brenda's reliability, moral compass, and sense of responsibility while managing her hectic schedule and duties as Assistant Director of Public Works are admired and commended by all those who had the pleasure to work with her; and
- **WHEREAS,** The City of College Park City Council wishes to thank Brenda for her leadership and dedication for nearly 26 years of service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Fazlul Kabir, Mayor of the City of College Park, Maryland, do hereby convey to Brenda Alexander the highest appreciation and gratitude of the Mayor, Council, residents and employees of the City of College Park for her long and outstanding service to the City. We wish her the very best in her retirement and future endeavors.

**PROCLAIMED** on this **30<sup>th</sup>** day of **November** 2023.

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor City of College Park