



A Proclamation

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WHEREAS, the first Bladensburg Branch opened on October 1, 1964, in a rented facility located at 5403 Annapolis Road. The facility had a collection of 25,000 volumes; and

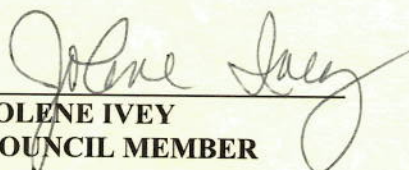
WHEREAS, built in 1925, the building that until recently occupied the site where the new library will be built served originally as the Bladensburg Elementary School and then as the Board of Education Media Center. From 1957 until 1964 it housed the Prince George's County Memorial Library System Administrative Offices, and in September 1978, the Bladensburg Branch relocated to that recently razed building; and

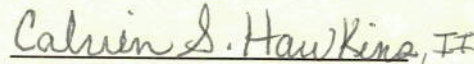
WHEREAS, during 1990, the Bladensburg Branch underwent an exterior renovation, including a new front entrance. This renovation complemented other renovations in the Town of Bladensburg. In December 1993 work began on interior renovation of the Bladensburg Branch. The newly renovated branch reopened to the public in March, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the new library will be the first library in the County to be certified LEED Silver, with rooftop solar panels, electric-car charging stations, and energy efficient HVAC and lighting. It will be three times the size of the old library, with meeting and study spaces, a computer lab, and a small café; and

WHEREAS, the County Council thanks the Bladensburg Library and its staff for the continued effort to keep our community educated and informed. The commitment to equitable learning for all residents is truly inspiring and worthy of recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, the 20th day of October 2021 is recognized as Bladensburg Library Day in Prince George's County, Maryland.


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