



**WHEREAS**, in 2026, the City of Rockville celebrates the **100th anniversary of Glenview Mansion** and recognizes its evolution from its early 19th-century origins through its transformation into a prominent neoclassical estate, and ultimately into a public civic asset owned and operated by the City since 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1830s, Judge Richard Bowie and his wife, Catherine, established their plantation and family home on approximately 500 acres, where enslaved Black individuals labored to shape the land and construct the Bowie residence called Glen View at the highest point of the property overlooking the Croydon Creek valley; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1923, Dr. James and Irene Lyon transformed the property into an elegant country estate, renamed Glenview, with formal gardens and expanded architectural features that remain central to the Mansion today; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1957, the City of Rockville acquired Glenview Mansion and surrounding land, establishing a civic center that has since grown into Rockville Civic Center Park, which includes the Art Gallery at Glenview Mansion, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre & Social Hall, Croydon Creek Nature Center, and the John G. Hayes Forest Preserve and Trails; and

**WHEREAS**, Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and continues to serve as a cultural and community hub that welcomes residents and visitors through a wide range of programs, events, and activities, and receives more than 100,000 visitors annually; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of Rockville hereby recognize the **100th Anniversary of Glenview Mansion**, honoring its rich and multifaceted history and celebrating its enduring legacy as an inclusive and cherished gathering place for our community.



  
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