

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, by resolution of the second Continental Congress dated June 14, 1777, the first official flag of the United States was adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, by Act of Congress dated August 3, 1949, June 14 of each year was designated as "**National Flag Day**;" and

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 1982, the National Flag Day Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to **PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE** of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS**, the American flag is a living symbol of our great nation. It is essential to honor our country's past, present, and future, and the American flag should never be displayed lower than any other flag, and should not be used as wearing apparel, bedding, costume, or as an athletic uniform, among other things; and

**WHEREAS**, on **July 4, 2026**, we will celebrate the **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America**, and we will pause to thank our dedicated military for their service on this special anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, Flag Day celebrates our nation's symbol of unity, a democracy in a republic, and stands for our country's devotion to freedom and to equal rights for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **June 14, 2026**, as **FLAG DAY**, and also celebrate the **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America**, and urge the Rockville community to pause at 7:00 p.m. on this date for the annual **PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE**, and recite with all Americans, the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and Nation.

  
Monique Ashton, Mayor  
Kate Fulton, Councilmember  
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**June 1, 2026**