



WHEREAS, many Rockville residents struggle to overcome financial challenges, including the high costs for housing, utilities and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Rockville residents have a history of showing concern for their neighbors, particularly during the November and December holiday season; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville has sponsored an annual holiday food and toy giving campaign for over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Rockville Holiday Drive resulted in Thanksgiving food baskets for 517 low income households, Thanksgiving lunches for 103 needy seniors, toys for 1,044 young children and other support for the Rockville community; and

WHEREAS, the City is fortunate to have continued support from local schools, civic organizations, businesses, and the faith community through their generous contributions of food, gifts, and monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, many individuals who live or work in Rockville perform a key role by volunteering their time to see that local seniors and families receive food for Thanksgiving and gifts in December.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE do hereby proclaim the commencement of the 2014 Rockville Holiday Drive and urge all residents to "Take Part and Give from the Heart."

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