



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

- Whereas April 26, 2022 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted; and
- Whereas over a lengthy career, Olmsted was an author, journalist, public official, city planner, landscape architect, and creative genius who transformed the American landscape; and
- Whereas Olmsted's philosophy and designs influenced the development of beautiful and functional landscapes, including parks and parkways, college campuses, planned communities, estates, cemeteries, recreation areas, and specialized landscapes for arboreta and expositions including the Capital grounds in Washington, D.C.; and
- Whereas, Olmsted is remembered as the premier landscape architect in the United States during the 19th century and is considered to be the founder of landscape architecture in the United States; and
- Whereas, Olmsted was one of the first individuals to promote the idea of national parks in his 1865 Yosemite Report; and
- Whereas Olmsted believed that thoughtful landscape designs should: (A) promote community; (B) advance democracy; (C) provide recreational opportunities in urban environments; (D) nurture and invigorate public health; and (E) encourage the development of livable communities; and
- Whereas Olmsted inspired the development of large parks and park systems for public benefit in urban areas, creating a legacy of parks that is a singular feature of the urban experience; and
- Whereas Olmsted's landscape designs play a vital role in the enrichment of Montgomery County, Maryland and contribute to the quality of life in Maryland and hundreds of communities across the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I,

Marc Elrich as County Executive hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 26, 2022 as:

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED DAY

in Montgomery County and join with communities across the country in celebrating this bicentennial anniversary as part of the coordinated national and local celebration known as Olmsted 200.



Signed this 26th day of April in the year 2022

MARC ELRICH
County Executive