



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

WHEREAS,

Glen Echo Amusement Park opened in 1898 as a privately owned park for whites only; and

WHEREAS,

a group of Howard University students calling themselves the Non-Violent Action Group staged a sit-in protest on the carousel on June 30, 1960 and five African-American students were subsequently arrested; and

WHEREAS,

the students then spearheaded a campaign of sit-ins and picketing that continued throughout the summer; and

WHEREAS,

their efforts, coincided with similar civil rights demonstrations taking place around the country, became a rallying cry for residents; and

WHEREAS,

Glen Echo Park in 2021 marked the 60th anniversary of the non-violent protests that led to the integration of the amusement park in 1961;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I,

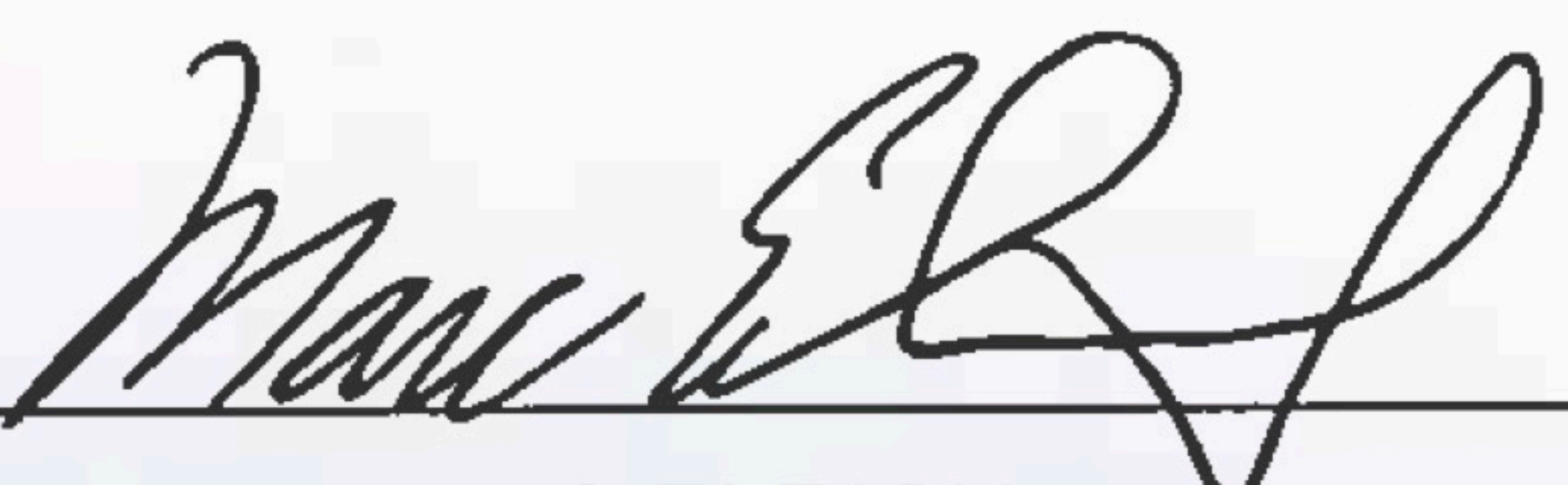
Marc Elrich as County Executive hereby recognize and congratulate the:

GLEN ECHO PARK PROTESTERS OF 1960

and honor the protesters present here tonight and not present here tonight, for their actions and fortitude in paving the way for a public park for all with leadership that is committed to equality and inclusion through the cultivation of a vibrant cultural community in Montgomery County.



ned this 14th day of May in the year 2022



MARC ELRICH

County Executive