

Whereas... Emily was admired by all who knew her artistic gifts, laughing smile and caring nature; furthermore, we stood in awe of this Ellicott City teenager who battled pain, chemotherapy and radiation as she turned her talents and determination into helping children and families served by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the American Cancer Society and Johns Hopkins Children's Center of Baltimore; and

Whereas... Emily, supported by loving family, friends and schoolmates, created an arts camp for children, bought games and movies for the youngsters at the Children's Center, moved thousands by her words to Emi's Army at the Howard County Relay for Life, and inspired untold others before her untimely passing at the age of 15 on February 27, 2004; and

Whereas... It is fitting to salute this beautiful young woman who transformed her brief and bright life into a stellar example for our community; and, as we gather to support the scholarship that will first benefit a Centennial High School classmate student in 2006, the year she would have graduated, we, too, carry the spirit of Emily Ford Davis in our hearts.

Now therefore, I...

Howard County Executive James N. Robey, do hereby urge the citizens of Howard County, Maryland, to take heed of her courageous example and enduring legacy as I proudly proclaim

September 21, 2005 Emily Ford Davis Day in Howard County, Maryland

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of Howard County, Maryland, on this 21st day of September, 2005

James N. Robey Howard County Executive

