MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on this 22 day of May, 2024, by and between **Bowie State University**, a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, an agency of the state of Maryland, located at 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie, MD 20715 (hereinafter referred to as "BSU"), and **Anne Arundel County, Maryland**, located at 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD 21401 (hereinafter referred to as "County"), collectively referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, the County acquired ownership of the property known as Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park from the State of Maryland in 2022; and

WHEREAS, both Parties recognize the importance of a collaborative effort and seek to foster a strategic partnership to provide programming, internships, and educational initiatives focused on health and wellness at Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, both Parties want to utilize Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park as an opportunity to support the neighboring community by providing health and wellness services

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. **Purpose:** This MOU outlines the strategic collaboration between the County and BSU, to jointly engage in programming, research, internship opportunities, and educational initiatives at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. The collaboration aims to address various efforts, including historic preservation, library science, environmental science, and bolstering the support of mental and physical health and wellness services.
- 2. **Background:** Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park offers a distinctive opportunity for collaborative endeavors between the County and BSU. Given its complex history and the promising potential associated with this property, this partnership aims to harness available resources, expertise, and knowledge of its associated entities and the community at large. This collective effort is dedicated to fostering community well-being and the advancement of education.

3. Terms of Collaboration:

- a. Programming and Educational Endeavors:
 - i. The County and BSU agree to jointly develop and implement programming and educational initiatives at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park. These initiatives will focus on mental and physical health and wellness, environmental sciences, library science, and historic preservation.
 - ii. Both Parties will collaborate on curriculum development, workshops, seminars, and other educational activities aimed at addressing the identified issues.

b. Internship Opportunities:

- i. BSU will facilitate internship opportunities for its students within the County's departments and initiatives related to the focus areas of this collaboration.
- ii. The County will provide support and resources to accommodate BSU students' internship placements, ensuring a mutually beneficial experience for both parties.

c. Resource Sharing:

- i. The Parties agree to share relevant resources, including research findings, data, and facilities, to support the success of joint initiatives.
- ii. The County will provide access to relevant facilities and historical archives at the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park for academic and research purposes. Access will be pursuant to a written limited License Agreement between the County and BSU staff or students, in a form approved by the County and BSU, which will provide for access and indemnification by BSU, to the extent permitted under state law, for any liability incurred by the County arising out of access to and activities on Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park by BSU staff or students.
- iii. The County agrees to actively engage BSU as a participant during the Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park master planning process and, as appropriate, future development opportunities.

d. Evaluation and Assessment:

- i. BSU and the County will regularly evaluate and assess the outcomes and impact of collaborative efforts.
- ii. The Parties will engage in ongoing discussions to identify areas of improvement and further opportunities for collaboration.
- 4. **Duration:** This MOU shall commence upon the date of signature by both parties and shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years, unless terminated or extended by mutual agreement.
- 5. **Amendment and Termination:** Any amendments to this MOU shall be made in writing and agreed upon by the Parties. Either party may terminate this MOU upon providing written notice to the other party thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination.
- 6. **Governing Law:** This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this MOU as of the date first above written.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Aminta H. Breaux., Ph.D.

President

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Executive

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