

**PROCLAMATION**  
**MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**September 16, 2022**  
**Annually on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September**

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Oak Park joins the Mexican community in celebrating Mexico's declaration of independence from Spain; and

**WHEREAS**, September 16th commemorates the first call for independence, "Grito de Dolores", by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla after three centuries under Spanish rule; and

**WHEREAS**, Mexican descendants hold a deep respect for their ancestors who valiantly fought to ensure future generations would live in an independent and liberated nation.; and

**WHEREAS**, each year people of Mexican ancestry around the world gather to celebrate the leaders who fought bravely for Mexico's independence; and

**WHEREAS**, Mexico continues to be a top trading partner and important ally to the United States, making vital contributions to our country through its cultural, natural and economic resources.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park is a community with a significant population of Mexican descendants, who enhance the rich diversity of our community, it is appropriate for our community to celebrate this historic event and to deepen and strengthen our cultural ties; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Oak Park supports the celebration of Mexican Independence Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the Village of Oak Park shall recognize September 16, 2022 and each year thereafter on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September as ***MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY*** in the Village of Oak Park, and urge all community members to join us in celebrating this day of freedom and colonial liberation for the Mexican community.

**DATED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

**ATTEST**

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk