

P R O C L A M A T I O N
HOPE FOR THE DAY'S
2022 NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION + ACTION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2022

WHEREAS, September is known globally as “Suicide Prevention Month”, the National Suicide Prevention + Action Month Proclamation was created to raise the visibility of the mental health resources and suicide prevention services available in our community. The goal is to start the conversation about mental health and the impact of suicide to help destigmatize the conversation and help connect people with the appropriate support services; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 in the US, with more than 48,000 people died by suicide across the United States in each year; and

WHEREAS, according to Hope For The Day (H.F.T.D.), with an average of 132 suicides completed daily and each one directly impacting 100 additional people, including friends, service members, family, social media connections, and neighbors we can safely assume everyone has been impacted by suicide;

WHEREAS, Oak Park, Illinois publicly places its full support behind those who work in the fields of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, global organizations like Hope for The Day and our local mental health partner, NAMI Metro Suburban, Thrive Counseling Center, and so many more, serve on the front lines of a war that many still refuse to discuss due to stigma regarding suicide and mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to take the time to understand mental health through education and recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021, as “National Suicide Prevention + Action Month”, in the Village of Oak Park.

DATED this 6th day of September 2022.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk