

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2022

**WHEREAS**, National Recovery Month, which is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation's strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities and with commitment and support, those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention of substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people do recover in our area and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS**, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), along with the community coalition Positive Youth Development (+PYD) invite all residents of Oak Park to participate in National Recovery Month awareness activities; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce stigma locally, ART and +PYD of Oak Park, supported in part by The Way Back Inn and Oak Park Township strive to create supportive networks for those in recovery with education and outreach events to reduce stigma, support healthy choices, and spread the message that people can and do recover every day; and

**WHEREAS**, embracing the theme "*Recovery is for Everyone; Every Person, Every Family, Every Community*" encourages acceptance, understanding, and support.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim September 2022 to be **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH** in the Village of Oak Park, and encourage all Oak Parkers to join in supporting those in recovery.

DATED this 6<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