PROCLAMATION

50TH SEASON OF THE OAK PARK FARMERS' MARKET

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Farmers' Market has provided healthy food and regional produce to area residents every Market season since 1976; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Farmers' Market provides a marketplace for producers in the region to sell their wares; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Farmers' Market contributes to the nutritional equity of its customers by accepting SNAP benefits for those who are eligible; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Farmers' Market is a community treasure and popular gathering spot for area residents every Saturday from late May until the end of October at the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Oak Park; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Farmers' Market supports and educates customers about sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices; and

WHEREAS, the Market also features live music and homemade donuts made by nonprofit organizational volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Farmers' Market contributes to the quality life in Oak Park and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby recognize this 50th season of the Oak Park Farmers' Market in 2025 and its contribution of healthy nutrition and to fostering community well-being. Recognition and appreciation are also extended to the vendors, Farmers' Market Commission members, volunteers, Village staff, and customers spanning its five decades of operation.

DATED this 13th day of May, 2025.

Vicki Scaman Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters Village Clerk