

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK AND BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY 2026

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal government employees contribute significantly to the quality of life for residents of the Village, and their commitment to excellence, integrity, and service ensures the effective operation of government and the well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, public service is a noble calling that encompasses a wide range of professions, including those who provide vital family, health, and educational services, maintain public safety, protect the environment, and carry out essential administrative and operational functions; and

WHEREAS, Public Service Recognition Week, observed during the first full week of May, serves to educate the public about the value of public employees, promote interest in public sector careers, and recognize the dedication and high ethical standards demonstrated by those who serve; and

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes that its growth, resilience, and long-term sustainability depend on the safety and reliability of its homes, buildings, and infrastructure, which are essential in both everyday life and during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, building safety and fire prevention professionals, including code officials, engineers, architects, builders, tradespeople, and inspectors, serve as vigilant guardians of public safety by ensuring that structures are designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with modern safety standards; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month, observed each May and sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), raises awareness about the importance of building codes, promotes safe and sustainable construction practices, and highlights the critical role of building safety professionals in protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, modern building codes help safeguard communities from natural and man-made hazards, including severe weather, fire, and structural failure, while supporting economic development and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, the observance of both Public Service Recognition Week and Building Safety Month provides an opportunity for residents to recognize and appreciate the essential work performed by public employees and building safety professionals who serve the community every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park, and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim:

**The first full week of May 2026 as Public Service Recognition Week; and
The month of May 2026 as Building Safety Month**

and encourage all residents to recognize the vital contributions of public employees and building safety professionals, and to join in efforts to promote safe, resilient, and thriving communities.

DATED this 5th day of May 2026.

Vicki Scaman
Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk