

# PROCLAMATION

## PRIDE MONTH - June 2026

**WHEREAS**, the month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month, a time to honor the history, resilience, and enduring contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other LGBTQ+ individuals whose courage and advocacy have advanced civil rights, strengthened democratic values, and expanded the promise of equality for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month commemorates the legacy of people whose voices rose in the face of injustice and discrimination, including the historic events of the **Stonewall Uprising**, which ignited a global movement dedicated to dignity, visibility, and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Oak Park has long been home to organizations, advocates, faith communities, educators, and residents who have championed LGBTQ+ visibility, inclusion, and equality, including the Out with Purpose organization, formerly known as the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association Plus (OPALGA+), one of Illinois' largest LGBTQ+ membership organizations, whose decades of community-building, advocacy, educational programming, scholarships, and civic engagement have strengthened the social fabric of Oak Park

**WHEREAS**, PFLAG Oak Park Area has for many years provided support, education, advocacy, and community-building opportunities for LGBTQ+ individuals, their families, friends, and allies, helping to create a more welcoming, affirming, and inclusive Oak Park for residents of all ages and backgrounds; and the surrounding region; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ residents, families, and allies continue to enrich our community through leadership, public service, innovation, entrepreneurship, education, arts and culture, healthcare, and civic engagement, contributing immeasurably to the vitality and prosperity of our municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities across the nation recognize that diversity is a defining strength of vibrant communities, and that fostering environments grounded in respect, inclusion, and belonging ensures that every resident has the opportunity to live authentically and safely; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month serves not only as a celebration of identity and achievement, but also as a solemn reflection upon the challenges that remain, including discrimination, inequity, and barriers to opportunity that continue to affect LGBTQ+ individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Pride Month affirms a shared commitment to compassion, justice, and unity, honoring both the pioneers who paved the way toward equality and the young leaders who continue to shape a more inclusive future;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of June as **PRIDE MONTH**, and call upon all residents, businesses, community organizations, and institutions to join in celebrating the diversity, courage, and achievements of LGBTQ+ individuals throughout our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this municipality reaffirms its unwavering commitment to fostering a welcoming community where all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that during Pride Month and throughout the year, we encourage acts of understanding, allyship, and civic engagement that strengthen unity, uplift marginalized voices, and ensure that equality remains not only an aspiration, but a lived reality for every resident.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2026.

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Vicki Scaman

Village President

**ATTEST**

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Christina M. Waters

Village Clerk