

P R O C L A M A T I O N
COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE OAK PARK ART LEAGUE

DECEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, in 1919, artist Carl Krafft and other Chicago-area artists began meeting in his Oak Park home for art lectures, discussions and demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, in 1921 the group would become formally known as The Austin Oak Park and River Forest Art League, and was renamed to the Oak Park Art League in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in 1937 the Art League purchased its current building, a carriage house and stable designed in 1902 by Oak Park architect Eben Ezra Roberts, a skilled painter and an Art League member who also converted the carriage house and gallery into how it stands today; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our state; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Art League is one of Illinois' longest, continually-running non-profit arts organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Art League's mission is to be a welcoming center of artistic inquiry, creative expression and art appreciation in Oak Park and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Art League fulfills its mission through its offering of high-quality art education to people of all ages and skill levels, programs and guest lectures, artist demonstrations and critiques, and monthly exhibition opportunities in their art gallery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Oak Park Art League and call upon our community members to celebrate and support the arts and to encourage a greater awareness of the diversity of artistic expressions in our community.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2021.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST:

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk