

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 17 – 23, 2026

“Rooted in Service, Powered by Community”

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the Village of Oak Park; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in the Village of Oak Park to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department will host an Open House celebration on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Public Works Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 – 23, 2026 as **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK** in the Village of Oak Park; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

DATED, this 12th day of May, 2026.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk