

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2024

WHEREAS, millions of Americans face hunger every day and hunger can affect people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, many Americans are one job loss or medical crisis away from food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, one in five Chicago households is experiencing food insecurity and hunger; and

WHEREAS, in Oak Park, it is estimated that more than 7,000 people are ‘food insecure’ – meaning they do not know from where their next meal will come; and

WHEREAS, September is **National Hunger Action Month** – an opportunity for people across the country to stand together to end food insecurity and hunger. During this month, and year-round, we can all take action by advocating, donating, and volunteering; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chicago Food Depository has a network of more than 800 food pantries and programs to help families across the Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, Beyond Hunger, located here in Oak Park, provides more than 65,000 individuals each year with hunger relief across 13 zip codes including Oak Park, River Forest, and portions of Chicago and its near-west suburbs. Visit GoBeyondHunger.org to see their action plan and learn how we can work together to end hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim September 2024 to be **National Hunger Action Month** in the Village of Oak Park, and encourage all community members to take action to reduce hunger in our community and across the country.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2024.

Vicki Scaman
Village President

ATTEST:

Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk