

P R O C L A M A T I O N

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

WHEREAS, Every year, millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don't update their registration, or aren't sure how to register; and

WHEREAS, When the registered voting population doesn't reflect the population as a whole, we end up with a distorted democracy that fails to reflect the views of our country at large; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation has not always lived up to its promise of equal access to the right to vote, and so many Americans suffered fighting for a say in the destiny of our country; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated Organizers across the country led to the passage of landmark civil rights legislation such as Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act, and the Help America Vote Act; and

WHEREAS, National Voter Registration Day is the nation's largest nonpartisan civic holiday dedicated to getting every eligible American registered to vote for their next local, state and/or presidential election; and

WHEREAS, The fundamental goal of National Voter Registration Day is to ensure those who want to cast a ballot do not miss the opportunity to do so due to issues with registration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the Village of Oak Park shall recognize September 19, 2023 as **NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY**, and urge all community members to check their voter registration status and register to vote and participate in voter registration events arranged for this time.

ADOPTED and **APPROVED** this 18th day of September, 2023.

Vicki Scaman
Village President

ATTEST:

Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk