

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

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST'S "HEART OF OUR VILLAGES" AWARD IN HONOR OF CAMILLE WILSON WHITE MARCH 9, 2023

WHEREAS, we are here today to express our appreciation to Camille Wilson White, and to honor her as the 2023 recipient of the "Heart of Our Villages" award presented by The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest; and

WHEREAS, Camille Wilson White is currently the Executive Director of the Oak Park Area Arts Council, where she is committed to supporting artists, arts organizations, and advancing the arts in all forms; and

WHEREAS, Camille Wilson White also serves on the board of directors for Arts Alliance Illinois, where she has played an integral role in building the vitality of communities statewide through service and advocacy generating resources for the cultural sector and creative industries; and serves as co-chair of the Illinois Local Arts Network, a collaboration of executive directors from key areas throughout Illinois who serve as mentors, provide professional development, and are now working with arts organizations in the East St. Louis, Illinois area to prepare them to apply for grants to the Illinois Arts Council, the state arts agency; and

WHEREAS, Camille Wilson White makes it her mission to bring attention to works by women and people of color through programs such as the mini-murals along the El tracks, as well as to increase the profile and recognition of local artists and the Oak Park art community; and

WHEREAS, Camille Wilson White has a long history of supporting diversity within the Oak Park community, having served on the executive committee of the Village Manager Association, as a chapter president of African-American Parents for Purposeful

Leadership and Education, and as winner of the Oak Park Chamber of Commerce Athena Award; and

WHEREAS, Camille Wilson White will continue working with the Oak Park Area Arts Council to provide funding for artists and art projects throughout the village; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Village of Oak Park, we express our sincere appreciation to Camille Wilson White for her creativity, innovation, and service and congratulate her on her selection by The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest as a 2023 recipient of the “Heart of Our Villages” award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 9, 2023 as ***HEART OF OUR VILLAGE DAY*** in the Village of Oak Park in honor of Camille Wilson White, and urge all citizens to join me in supporting not only Camille Wilson White’s work with the Oak Park Area Arts Council to build systems that support local art and artists but also the efforts of The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest in recognizing the individuals whose very lives exemplify the unique characteristics and spirit of our community.

DATED this 6th day of March 2023.

Vicki Scaman
Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk