

# PROCLAMATION

Older Americans Month – May 2026

Celebrating Seniors Week – May 7–14, 2026

**WHEREAS**, Oak Park, Illinois is a community that includes over 12,447 citizens aged 60 and older; and

**WHEREAS**, the older adults in Oak Park are among our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

**WHEREAS**, the older adults in Oak Park deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by: Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life; Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age; Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aging in Communities Commission was created to advise the Village Board in its efforts to facilitate full participation in community activities by its senior residents and to bring persons over the age of 55 into the mainstream of Oak Park life by recognizing policies that support aging in place as highly desirable.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, join with the federal Administration on Aging (AoA) to hereby proclaim May 2026 to be Older Americans Month. We also proclaim that the 7th through the 14th of the month of May 2026 be designated as “Celebrating Seniors Week.” We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community’s quality of life.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2026.

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Vicki Scaman

Village President

**ATTEST**

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Christina M. Waters

Village Clerk