

PROCLAMATION

UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK

OCTOBER 19 – 25, 2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park, IL is a community that respects diversity and affirms our commitment to safety and belonging for all residents; and

WHEREAS, hate presents a threat to communities everywhere and creates an atmosphere of fear and division; and

WHEREAS, reported hate crimes have increased dramatically across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park, IL is dedicated to preventing and opposing hate and intolerance in our communities; and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, critical thinking, and cooperation are key to unlocking understanding and embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, we seek to join other communities and cities across the country in this annual *United Against Hate Week* as an important step in bridging divisions while strengthening and healing our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim October 19 – 25, 2025 as *United Against Hate Week 2025* in the Village of Oak Park, IL and urge all members of our community to take an active stand against hate by participating in events, conversations, and actions that build safe, inclusive, and respectful neighborhoods and schools.

DATED this 21st day of October 2025

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk.