

PROCLAMATION

PING! 20TH ANNIVERSARY (PROVIDING INSTRUMENTS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION)

WHEREAS, in 1998, PING! served their first class of students; and

WHEREAS, PING! founders believed that the benefits of a music education should be available to all students, regardless of family income or circumstances; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, PING! has loaned band or orchestra instruments to 674 individual students from D97, D200 and D90 who otherwise would not have been able to participate; and

WHEREAS, PING! provides a wide variety of enrichment opportunities such as summer music camp scholarships, private music lessons and music workshops that not only help PING! students keep up with their peers at school but also provide opportunities for students to experience the joy of music and expand their musical horizons; and

WHEREAS, PING! is a volunteer-run program, with a board of 17 women who volunteer a combined 1200 hours annually to implement the programs, run the organization and raise funds to support the programs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being the recipient of over nine national and local awards for excellence, PING! has presented its model at the Illinois Music Educators Association Conference and at the University of New Mexico Mentoring Conference; and

WHEREAS, PING collaborates heavily to achieve their mission with the Oak Park Area Arts Council, the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation and the schools of Districts 97, 200 and 90 as well as their local partners – Austin Music Center, Pieritz Office Supplies, Kagan & Gaines and Community Bank.

NOW THEREFORE I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby congratulate PING! on their 20th Anniversary and wish them many more years of continued success.

DATED this 1st day of October, 2018.

Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman
Village Clerk