

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

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 20-26, 2025

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week, established in 1974, provides a special opportunity to celebrate the invaluable contributions of volunteers and recognize the power of volunteerism in building inclusive, connected, and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the National Volunteer Week 2025, “Connecting Communities,” highlights the profound impact of volunteering in fostering engagement, strengthening community bonds, and creating a sense of belonging for all; and

WHEREAS, volunteering not only supports the well-being of individuals, but also helps create communities where people are empowered, included, and united, building a foundation for mutual respect and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, we extend our deepest appreciation to our volunteer commissioners and commission chairs, who generously dedicate their time and expertise to making Oak Park a better place for all; and

WHEREAS, we honor and celebrate the countless individuals throughout Oak Park, Illinois, who give their time and talents to volunteer efforts that enrich our community and contribute to the betterment of society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park will host its second annual Neighborhood Clean-Up event on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. This event offers an opportunity for community members of all ages to come together in the spirit of collaboration, as we work to beautify and care for our shared spaces around Village Hall. We welcome everyone to join us at this family-friendly event to help clean up our neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2025 as **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**, and encourage our fellow community members to volunteer and experience the positive impact that volunteering can have on your life and the lives of those around you.

DATED, this 18th day of March, 2025.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST:

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk