

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 21 - 27, 2024

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Week, established in 1974, is an opportunity to recognize the positive impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to build stronger communities, tackle society's greatest challenges, and be a force that transforms the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 2024 National Volunteer Week is "*Celebrate Service – an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve*", and affirms the profoundly human connection that is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteering strengthens community connections, fosters character development and instills a sense of social responsibility in our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize our volunteer commissioners and commission chairs for the time and talent they devote to the Village of Oak Park and to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our honor to recognize all people of Oak Park, Illinois who volunteer to improve their communities and our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2024 as **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**, and urge 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST:

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk