

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices; the nation's strong and proud recovery community and the dedication of service providers and communities make recovery in all its forms possible; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities, and with commitment and support, those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, 2025 National Recovery Month awareness activities and events promote that *"With the right treatment, support, and resources, recovery is REAL"* and

WHEREAS, to reduce stigma locally, the Village of Oak Park, supported in part by The Way Back Inn and Oak Park Township, strives to create supportive networks for those in recovery with education and outreach events to reduce stigma, support healthy choices, and spread the message that people can and do recover every day; and

WHEREAS, embracing the theme *"Recovery is Real; (Restoring Every Aspect of Life)"* focuses on the four major dimensions of recovery: health, home, community, and purpose. These are the building blocks that all people need to live healthy, happy, independent lives and to reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim September 2025 to be ***NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH*** in the Village of Oak Park, and encourage all Oak Parkers to join in supporting those in recovery.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2025.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST:

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk