

# PROCLAMATION

## HOLI—FESTIVAL OF COLORS

**OBSERVED APRIL 5, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Holi, the joyous festival of colors, represents the arrival of spring, the triumph of good over evil, and the celebration of unity; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of the festival varies annually, determined by the lunar cycle, signifying the dynamic and ever-changing nature of this cherished tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, Holi is one of the most celebrated festivals in South Asian communities around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park recognizes the importance of embracing diversity and fostering cultural appreciation within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our commitment to ensure that all individuals, including those with sensory sensitivities, feel included and can partake in the festivities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park is thrilled to announce its upcoming Holi celebration, to be held on Saturday, April 5th, featuring a variety of activities, including:

- **Cultural Dance Performances & Interactive Experience:** Enjoy traditional Indian dance performances, showcasing the beauty and storytelling of Indian culture through movement. Following the performances, dancers will lead an interactive session, inviting attendees to join in and learn traditional dance steps, fostering cultural appreciation and community engagement.

- **Outdoor Festival of Color:** Experience the excitement and vibrancy of Holi through a lively celebration of colors, where participants can engage in traditional color throwing to express joy and camaraderie.
- **Cultural Food Delights:** Delight in a culinary journey showcasing the diverse and flavorful cuisine of India, offering a range of delectable dishes for all to enjoy.
- **Inclusive Coloring Station:** For individuals who may prefer not to participate in the color throwing aspect of Holi or have sensory sensitivities, we offer an inclusive coloring station. Here, participants can express their creativity by coloring vibrant Holi-themed designs, providing an alternative way to engage in the festivities.
- **Cultural Music:** Immerse yourself in the enchanting melodies of traditional Indian music, creating a festive atmosphere and inspiring moments of joy and celebration.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Oak Park supports the celebration of Holi, and **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 5th as the day of our Holi celebration and encourage all residents to join us in embracing the spirit of unity, diversity, and joy. Let us come together as a community to celebrate Holi, honoring our shared values of inclusivity and cultural appreciation.

**DATED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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Vicki Scaman  
Village President

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Christina M. Waters  
Village Clerk