

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL BIKE MONTH MAY 2024

**WHEREAS**, National Bike Month was established in 1956 by the League of American Bicyclists to celebrate and showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage people to ride a bike; and

**WHEREAS**, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound method of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and the enjoyment of Oak Park; and

**WHEREAS**, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, improving traffic safety, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 the Village of Oak Park was named a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, a national bicycling advocacy group; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park adopted its first Bicycle Plan in August of 2008 which was amended in July of 2015 to include the Neighborhood Greenway system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park began implementing the recommendations from the bike plan in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park has committed funding to implement large portions of the Neighborhood Greenway system, undertake a feasibility study of bike facilities on Ridgeland Avenue, and update the Bike Plan in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued implementation of the Bicycle Plan will offer environmental, economic, health, transportation, and other benefits to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the Month of May 2024, as **NATIONAL BIKE MONTH** and encourage citizens, businesses, government agencies and other organizations to join their fellow Americans in assisting efforts to improve bicycle use and safety, or simply go for a bike ride not only during this month but throughout the year.

**DATED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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Vicki Scaman  
Village President

**ATTEST:**

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Christina M. Waters  
Village Clerk