

# PROCLAMATION

**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS (LGBTQ+)**

**PRIDE MONTH - JUNE 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park supports the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, all people regardless sexual orientation, gender identity or expression have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park has a diverse LGBTQ+ community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community;

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ+ community contributes to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of the Village of Oak Park.

**WHEREAS**, in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising led by Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, whom were all transwomen of color. Their efforts with many more led to the subsequent first Pride march in New York City in 1970, Americans come together each June to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association, one of the largest LGBTQ+ membership organizations in Illinois, helped make the Village of Oak Park a statewide and national leader in LGBTQ+ civil rights for the past 34 years; and

**WHEREAS**, our society is slowly embracing new understandings of sexuality and gender, we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village last year embraced the evolution of the Pride flag to the 'Progress Pride Flag' that includes new colors and a new design that are meant to represent people of color, as well as people who are transgender, intersex, or non-binary. The Progress flags continue to be reflected here in Chamber Council and proudly flown outside Village Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is excited to celebrate with the community Pride Month with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oak Park Pride Party. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 on the South Lawn at Village Hall, 123 Madison Street. This family-friendly event will feature ice cream, snow cones, face painting, a DJ, inflatables, and more. Please come dressed to impress

in your best rainbow-themed outfit! In addition, stop by Village Hall to see a special PRIDE installment located on the pathway to the courtyard.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proudly proclaim June as ***LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH*** in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and encourage our residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality for the LGBTQ+ community and celebrate the contributions that enhance our Village.

**DATED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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Vicki Scaman  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Christina M. Waters  
Village Clerk