

# PROCLAMATION

## HONORING OAK PARK OLYMPIAN EMERY LEHMAN

**WHEREAS**, Emery Lehman, a distinguished resident of Oak Park, Illinois, has achieved the extraordinary honor of representing the United States as a member of the United States Olympic Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Emery Lehman competed on the world stage in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, and the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, and the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milano Cortina earning distinction as a four-time Olympian in the sport of long track speed skating; and

**WHEREAS**, at just 17 years of age, Emery Lehman distinguished himself as the youngest male member of the United States Olympic Team at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, demonstrating exceptional talent and composure on the world stage; and

**WHEREAS**, at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, Emery Lehman earned a bronze medal as a member of the United States men's team pursuit,

**WHEREAS**, at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milano-Cortina he elevated that achievement by earning a silver medal in the same event, underscoring his sustained excellence on the world stage and bringing extraordinary distinction and pride to his nation and to the Village of Oak Park.

**WHEREAS**, his journey to the Olympic stage reflects years of discipline, sacrifice, and relentless preparation. It is remarkable to consider the countless early mornings spent training both mind and body, lifting weights, building endurance, refining technique, and studying his craft with intensity and focus; and

**WHEREAS**, through youth hockey and speed skating leagues, club training, start races, national qualifiers, and elite level competition, he steadily built a trajectory defined by perseverance, resilience, and competitive excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, alongside his athletic achievements, Emery Lehman distinguished himself academically as an honor student at Oak Park and River Forest High School, graduating cum laude from Marquette University with a degree in Civil Engineering and later earning a master's degree in structural engineering from Johns Hopkins University, demonstrating the same discipline in the classroom that he exemplifies on the ice; and

**WHEREAS**, his development as an athlete was strengthened by the steadfast support of his parents and family, along with dedicated coaches and teammates past and present, whose encouragement and belief helped sustain his pursuit of excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, his accomplishments stand as a testament to the power of sustained effort and the belief that greatness is built one early morning, one practice, and one disciplined decision at a time; and

**WHEREAS**, by competing on the Olympic stage, Emery Lehman brings honor and recognition to Oak Park and serves as a visible example to young athletes, including future speed skaters and hockey players, that international achievement is possible through commitment and courage; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a source of pride to his family, his friends, his teammates past, present, and future, and to the people of Oak Park who celebrate his excellence, discipline, and character.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that President Vicki Scaman, and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park do hereby recognize and celebrate **Emery Lehman** for his remarkable athletic achievement, his Olympic silver medal, his academic distinction, and the pride he brings to the people of this community.

**DATED** this 19th day of May 2026.

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Vicki Scaman  
Village President

**ATTEST**

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Christina M. Waters  
Village Clerk