

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH OCTOBER 2024

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world—the enduring record of human achievement; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in our communities—improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts and cultural sector also strengthens our economy by generating \$36.1 billion in annual spending and supporting more than 216,227 full-time-equivalent jobs; and

WHEREAS, educational research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression, and problem solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, we use the humanities—the interpretation and discussion of all forms of thought, interest and expression—to examine what it means to be human; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for three decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as National Arts and Humanities Month in the Village of Oak Park and call upon our community members to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation, and to specifically encourage greater participation in taking action for the arts and humanities in our village.

DATED this 22nd day of October, 2024.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk