

PROCLAMATION

HOLI—FESTIVAL OF COLORS

APRIL 14, 2024

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 April 14th, featuring a variety of activities, including:

- **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 April 14th 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 9th day of April 2024.

Vicki Scaman
Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk