

# PROCLAMATION

## EARTH MONTH

**April 2025**

**WHEREAS**, in 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson proposed to the Congress of the United States that a special day be set aside to celebrate and promote environmental awareness, called Earth Day, which is observed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park has made a commitment to preserving and enhancing the quality of the environment by appointing residents to serve on the Environment and Energy Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 2022, the Village of Oak Park declared a climate emergency and adopted the award-winning *Climate Ready Oak Park* community plan which offers concrete commitments and actions that can be undertaken by all stakeholders in response to the global climate crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park aligns with the 2025 global theme of *Our Power, Our Planet* by offering Energy Efficiency grants, promoting Community Solar and group-buy solar programs; and, partnering with the local volunteer group Oak Park Climate Action Network (OPCAN), which offers a peer-expert advisory service to help residents navigate various pathways to greenhouse gas emissions reductions, including home insulation and energy retrofits, heat pumps, rooftop and community solar, geothermal systems, and electric vehicle (EV) adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park will co-host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oak Park Eco-Extravaganza: *Community Voices, Sustainable Choices* event at the Oak Park Public Library's Main Branch on Saturday, April 5, 2025, an all-ages information fair and educational activities for community members interested in learning more about local sustainability efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park is coordinating a Paper Shredding and Foam Recycling Event on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at the Public Works Center; where Oak Parkers are invited to safely dispose of paper documents and foam products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park continues to expand and improve environmental programs, such as the residential Compostable Program, the Village-wide ban on gas-powered leaf blowers, and support of native gardens, to increase opportunities for waste reduction, diversion and ecological best practices in the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as **EARTH MONTH** and ask citizens, businesses, government agencies and other organizations to strive to address the challenges of climate change, engage in regional sustainability initiatives, and promote environmental stewardship, not only during this month but throughout the year.

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

---

Vicki Scaman  
Village President

**ATTEST**

---

Christina M. Waters  
Village Clerk