

PROCLAMATION

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MARCH 2022

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation and our community in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of our community and globally; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of our Nation and by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which worked towards creating a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of history; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2022, "*Providing Healing, Promoting Hope*", is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park that we proclaim March 2022 as "*Women's History Month*" in Oak Park and urge all community members to reflect on the achievements and contributions of women in our community and the Nation and celebrate the vital role of women throughout our history.

ADOPTED and **APPROVED** this 7th day of March 2022.

Vicki Scaman
Village President

ATTEST:

Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk