

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AS A WELCOMING VILLAGE AND CALLING ON LEGISLATORS TO PROHIBIT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM CONCEALING THEIR IDENTITIES

WHEREAS, in 1968, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park adopted a Human Rights Ordinance to protect the rights of all individuals regardless of their race, sex, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2017, the President and Board of the Trustees of the Village of Oak Park adopted the Welcoming Village Ordinance, codifying the longstanding practice among Village employees to not collect or maintain information regarding the immigration status of the Village residents or visitors to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Welcoming Village Ordinance clarifies that the Village will not assist or aid federal immigration authorities except in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Village reaffirms its status as a welcoming Village for all people and as a place where people can live with dignity regardless of their citizenship or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2017, the State of Illinois adopted the TRUST Act, which restricts the ways in which law enforcement may interact with federal immigration enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, across the United States, and within the State of Illinois, Cook County, and the Village, federal agents are conducting immigration enforcement activities including taking people into custody; and

WHEREAS, these agents often obscure their identities by using face coverings and do not wear or provide identification of their names or agencies; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure public safety and accountability, it is critical that the identities of these agents and their agencies be available; and

WHEREAS, persons who conceal their identities and pretend to be law enforcement agents are impersonating such agents, which is a felony in the State of Illinois pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/17-2, and which may lead to violations of rights of others under the false guise of law enforcement authority; and

WHEREAS, legislation should be adopted to prohibit law enforcement agents from concealing their identities in public and while enforcing the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Affirmation of Welcoming Village Status. The Village of Oak Park reaffirms its status as a welcoming Village for all people regardless of their citizenship or residency status.

Section 3. Adoption of Legislation. The Village of Oak Park urges the United States Congress, the Illinois General Assembly, and other lawmakers to adopt legislation, within the scope of their respective authority, to prohibit law enforcement agents from concealing their identities in public and to require agents to wear identification when enforcing the law.

Section 4. Request to Law Enforcement Agents. The Village of Oak Park urges all law enforcement agents within the Village to not wear face coverings, to not conceal their identities, and to provide their names and identify their agencies upon request.

Section 5. Distribution of Resolution. The Village Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Resolution to members of the United States Congress and the Illinois General Assembly whose legislative districts include the Village, along with the Governor of the State of Illinois, the President of the Illinois Senate, and the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives.

Section 6. Effectiveness. This Resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2025, pursuant to a vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Eder				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Leving Jacobson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this 16th day of September, 2025.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk