

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL BIKE MONTH - MAY 2025

**WHEREAS**, since 1956, the month of May has been recognized as National Bike Month, a celebration of being on a bike as a means to advance the movement to build a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, in tandem with an ambitious buildout of new bike lanes, the city of Chicago has seen an increase of 119 percent in number of cyclists over the past four years; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling has been shown to improve people's health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of the Village of Oak Park, attracting tourism dollars and local business spending and reducing congestion and parking costs on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, bicycling access and safety are core components of our local transportation system and the Village of Oak Park affirms our decision making to plan for and implement local transportation priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park adopted a Vision Zero plan in 2024 with its goal of making the roads safer for everyone, including cyclists, and its implementation will offer environmental, economic, health, transportation, and other benefits to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of May, the Village of Oak Park will celebrate biking and the freedom, the joy, and the well-being it imbues within us, as well as the power that more people riding bikes has in making life better for everyone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as National Bike Month in the Village of Oak Park, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

**DATED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

**ATTEST:**

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk