

PROCLAMATION

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

May 2022

WHEREAS, Oak Park, Illinois is a community that includes over 11,700 citizens aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Oak Park, Illinois are among of our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Oak Park, Illinois deserve recognitions for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:

- Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life;
- Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age;
- Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, join with the Federal Administration on Aging to hereby proclaim May of 2022 to be **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH** in the Village of Oak Park. We also proclaim that the 12th through the 19th of May 2022 be designated as “**CELEBRATING SENIORS WEEK**”. We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community’s quality of life.

DATED this 2nd day of May, 2022.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk