

# PROCLAMATION

**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS (LGBTQ+)**

**PRIDE MONTH**

**JUNE 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park supports the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, all people regardless of gender identity and/or sexual preferences have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park has a diverse LGBTQ+ community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association, one of the largest LGBTQ+ membership organizations in Illinois, helped make the Village of Oak Park a statewide and national leader in LGBTQ+ civil rights for the past 33 years; and

**WHEREAS**, our society is slowly embracing new definitions of sexuality and gender, we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and the subsequent first Pride march in New York City in 1970, Americans come together each June to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ+ community contributes to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of the Village of Oak Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim June as ***LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH*** in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and encourage our residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality for the LGBTQ+ community and celebrate the contributions that enhance our Village.

**DATED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

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Vicki Scaman  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Christina M. Waters  
Village Clerk