

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

May 2023

**WHEREAS**, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment of Oak Park's scenic beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of May, the residents of Oak Park and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

**WHEREAS**, Oak Park's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic health, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy of Oak Park, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Bike Walk Oak Park, the Active Transportation Alliance, and the League of American Bicyclists will be promoting bicycling during the month of May 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are also promoting bicycling year-round to attract more visitors to enjoy our local restaurants, hotels, retail establishments, and cultural and scenic attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be **NATIONAL BIKE MONTH** in the Village of Oak Park, and ask citizens, businesses, government agencies and other organizations to support bicycling in Oak Park, not only on this day but also throughout the year.

**DATED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

**ATTEST**

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk