

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM SALLY STOVALL

WHEREAS, the Oak Park community joins the family of Sally Stovall in mourning her death on May 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park will forever remember Sally for her tireless environmental activism, striving for a more sustainable planet and quality of life, her deep interest in ideas, books and discovery about the natural world, learning and sharing her knowledge selflessly and widely; her concern for friends, neighbors and surrounding communities, and her deep devotion to her family; and

WHEREAS, Sally Stovall, born in 1949 in Eunice, Louisiana, daughter of Rev. James L. and Alice Stovall, graduated from Southern Methodist University and earned a master's degree from Loyola University, Chicago; she spent time impacting lives in Taiwan, Malaysia, Argentina and several places across the United States before setting down roots in Oak Park in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Sally Stovall's passion was the work she did to make the world a better place for future generations, working for Illinois Action for Children until retirement, and activating youth through her work with One Earth Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, Sally Stovall and her partner Dick Alton founded Community Connections, bringing people from Oak Park and River Forest together to take individual actions to reverse climate change; she was a founding member of One Earth Film Festival, single-handedly growing its presence in Lake County; nurturing and promoting the Green Guides initiative and championing Green Block Parties that have become a staple of summer in Oak Park and River Forest, she once dressed as the "bag monster" to urge village trustees to approve a single-use plastic bag tax; and

WHEREAS, Sally Stovall, a member of PlanItGreen, worked in collaboration with West Cook Wild Ones, Deep Roots Project, the Village of Oak Park, the Village of River Forest, Interfaith Green Network, Citizen's Climate Lobby, and

WHEREAS, Sally Stovall was never strident or judgmental, quiet in her resolve and determination, earnest, sincere, unrelenting, generous of time and patience, expert at mobilizing people and getting the work done; Sally drew on a long personal history of fighting for justice to help found the reparations group at Euclid United Methodist Church; even in her last hours she remained focused on making Oak Park a model community for sustainability; she was in deeds and action a good person, seeking knowledge and truth and exhibiting respect for all beings, and

WHEREAS, Sally Stovall, through the life she led, inspired many to public and community service; her influence on others leaves a lasting legacy; Sally found joy in her volunteerism, through her collaborations and spending time with her family and friends; she found in witnessing and shepherding the metamorphosis of a tiny Monarch butterfly a concrete expression of her love for all living things on this Earth. The community is better because Sally Stovall lived here.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park that the sympathy of the officials and citizens of the Village of Oak Park be expressed to Sally Stovall's partner Dick Alton and her family, and that this Resolution in Memoriam be respectfully presented to them and that a copy be preserved in the official records of the Village of Oak Park.

APPROVED this 17th day of June, 2019.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST

Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk