

# PROCLAMATION

## AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, Kevin Teurff and Valerie Davis, two employees of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, established Texas Recycles Day to promote recycling through a six-week campaign to spread information about recycling in the state of Texas and encourage more people to recycle their waste; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Teurff and Valerie Davis proposed transforming Texas Recycles Day into America Recycles Day, which was presented to the National Recycling Coalition's (NRC) Congress who embraced the concept; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 1997, the NRC announced the first America Recycles Day in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, America Recycles Day (ARD) is the only nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States that educates and encourages individuals on how to be more mindful of what they consume, where and how to properly recycle, and to pledge to recycle more and recycle right in their everyday lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Through ARD, Keep America Beautiful and its partners inspire communities and individuals to recognize the economic, environmental, and social benefits of recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Recycling helps to conserve natural resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park has made a commitment to preserving and enhancing the quality of the environment by hosting shredded paper recycling and used clothing recycling event at the Oak Park Public Works Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park continues to expand the food scrap composting collections program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park has long been recognized as a leader in providing recycling opportunities for residents, schools, and public institutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2021, as "**AMERICA RECYCLES DAY**" and ask citizens, businesses, government agencies, and other organizations to strive to recycle whenever possible, encourage environmental responsibility and promote environmental awareness, not only during this month but throughout the year.

**DATED this 15th day of November, 2021.**

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Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST:

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk