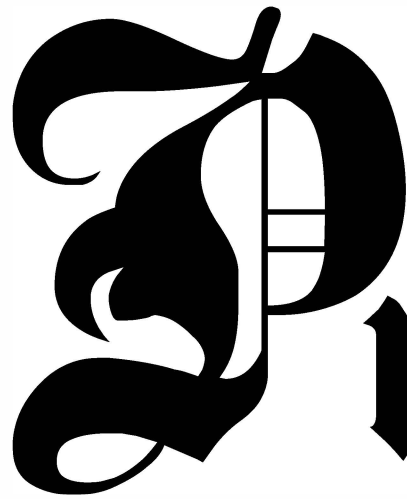


ORLAND PARK



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chief Joseph Mitchell was appointed as the Village of Orland Park's Chief of Police in 2020; and

WHEREAS, during his 27 year career in law enforcement, Chief Mitchell rose through the ranks, taking on public safety roles of patrol officer, investigator, sergeant, lieutenant, commander, deputy chief of police and the Village of Orland Park's Chief of Police for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, through state-of-the-art technology and training efforts, Chief Mitchell continued to reduce crime Village-wide; and

WHEREAS, under the Chief's leadership, the Police Department has engaged in a more collaborative approach to Village-wide initiatives such as addressing mental illness through the continuation of the department's nationally recognized Crisis Intervention Team focusing on response to mental health related incidents; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mitchell supervised the implementation of the partnership with Trinity Services to provide immediate and appropriate mental health services to those in need, and he also served for a time at the Village of Orland Park as the Interim Assistant Village Manager; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mitchell's efforts also include increased community engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mitchell and the Orland Park Police Department are actively involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and fundraising for the Illinois Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, the Orland Park Police Department welcomed the Village's first therapy dog to assist in providing comfort to those in need during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mitchell has faithfully and diligently served the Village as its Chief of Police by providing steadfast and dependable leadership to the men and women of the Orland Park Police Department throughout his entire tenure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Pekau, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois in recognition of Chief Joseph Mitchell's retirement from the Orland Park Police Department, recognize him for his 27 years of service.



DATED THIS 21st Day of March, 2022

Signed: 

Keith Pekau, Mayor