

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING DECEMBER 3, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 3, 2018
AS THE ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR IN THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK**

Whereas, August 26, 2018 marks the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the Illinois Constitution of 1818 at the Kaskaskia Convention and December 3, 2018 will mark the 200th anniversary of the State of Illinois being admitted to the union; and

Whereas, in 1830, the 21 year old Abraham Lincoln arrived in the state that would one day honor him and was elected to the Illinois Legislature in 1834 being re-elected in 1836, 1838, 1840 and 1844 before he became president in 1860; and

Whereas, Orland Township was formed in 1850, 20 years after Lincoln's arrival in Illinois with the Village of Orland Park's incorporation following in 1892; and

Whereas, the bicentennial of our statehood is an opportunity to celebrate the many cultural, economic, academic and political contributions that Illinois and its residents have made to the nation and the world; and

Whereas, the Village of Orland Park joins its counterparts throughout the State of Illinois and will observe the yearlong bicentennial celebration through December 3, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Pekau, president of the Village of Orland Park, in the counties of Cook and Will, do hereby proclaim December 4, 2017 through December 3, 2018 as the Illinois Bicentennial year in the Village of Orland Park calling on all members of the community to celebrate our beloved Land of Lincoln --- the great State of Illinois.

Signed:

Keith Pekau, Village President
Village of Orland Park

Signed this 4th day of December, 2018.