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**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
HONORING SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER 2025**

WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park proudly recognizes long-standing businesses that contribute to the community's history, character, and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, Silver Lake Country Club, located in East Orland Park, is celebrating its 98th year of operation, marking a century as the Village's longest-running business and a cornerstone of the Silver Lakes neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, Silver Lake's story began in 1925 when the Habernicht family's farmland gave way to two golf courses—Euclid Hills Country Club and Silver Lake Golf Club—establishing Orland Park's first major recreation destination and transforming acres of farmland into fairways; and,

WHEREAS, in 1939, the Coghill family, founders of Cog Hill Golf Club, purchased and combined the two courses, creating the 45-hole public facility that remains today. Silver Lake soon became known throughout the region as a premier destination for golfers, hosting the 1958 USGA National Public Links Championship, placing Orland Park on the national golf map; and,

WHEREAS, the neighborhoods that developed around the Club—Fairway, Silver Lake Dells, and the greater Silver Lakes area—became defining features of East Orland Park, contributing to the area's growth and sense of community. The creation of Schussler Park and the opening of Orland Square Mall further strengthened this identity, giving rise to the area's nickname, "Behind the Mall"; and,

WHEREAS, through times of expansion, change, and challenge, Silver Lake Country Club has remained steadfast, providing recreation, open space, and local pride for generations. Its endurance through a century of evolution—from farmland to fairways—reflects the resilience and spirit of Orland Park itself; and,

WHEREAS, under the continued stewardship of the Coghill family, Silver Lake Country Club remains a vibrant gathering place and a living link to Orland Park's earliest days. The Village commends its century-long legacy of excellence, service, and community engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Dodge, Village President of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois, in the Counties of Cook and Will, do hereby extend the gratitude of the entire community to Silver Lake Country Club for its 98 years of service, heritage, and dedication, and hereby proclaim Monday, October 20, 2025 as Silver Lake Country Club Day in the Village of Orland Park.

Dated this 20th day of October 2025.

James Dodge
Mayor

Mary Ryan Norwell
Village Clerk