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MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**RECOGNIZING THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. NAVY AND THE MARINE CORPS**

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1775, The Second Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, authorized the establishment of the Continental Navy to defend the seas during the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 1775, The Second Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, authorized the establishment of the Continental Marines to fight from the seas; and

WHEREAS, the collective expression of the pursuit of personal freedom that caused the authorization and organization of the United States Navy and the Marine Corps led to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the codification of our country's basic principles and values in the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, for the past 250 years, the Navy's and Marine Corps' central mission has been to fight and win our Nation's wars; and

WHEREAS, the core values of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment" and "Semper Fidelis" is the creed by which the American sailor and marine lives and serves; and

WHEREAS, no matter what the cause, location or magnitude of future conflicts, Americans can rely on their Navy and Marine Corps to produce well-trained, well-led and highly motivated sailors and marines to carry out the missions entrusted to them; and

WHEREAS, several citizens in the Orland Park community have proudly served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our county's freedom while serving in the United States Navy and Marine Corps and other branches of our Nation's military.

NOW, THEREFORE, I James Dodge, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park and the Board of Trustees of Orland Park, Cook & Will Counties, Illinois do hereby commend the sailors and marines of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, past and present, and recognize the historic significance of October 13th and November 10th, 2025 as the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

And expresses the appreciation of the citizens of Orland Park to the United States Navy and Marine Corps and to the dedicated sailors and marines who have served for 250 years.

Dated this 20th day of October 2025.

James Dodge
Mayor

Mary Ryan Norwell
Village Clerk