

MAYOR

James Dodge

VILLAGE CLERK

Mary Ryan Norwell

14700 S. Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462
(708)403-6100
orlandpark.org



**ORLAND
PARK**

VILLAGE HALL

TRUSTEES

William R. Healy
Cynthia Nelson Katsenes
Michael R. Milani
Dina M. Lawrence
John Lawler
Joanna M. Liotine Leafblad

Proclamation
Scleroderma Month
June 2026
Scleroderma Day – June 29, 2026

WHEREAS, scleroderma, also known as systemic sclerosis, is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes excessive production and buildup of collagen in the skin and internal organs, producing scar-like tissue; and

WHEREAS, while the cause of scleroderma is unknown and there is currently no known cure, a variety of treatments are available that help control symptoms and prevent complications; and

WHEREAS, diagnosis is often difficult and can take three to five years for individuals with scleroderma to receive an accurate diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, patient advocates, caregivers, researchers, and organizations are working to raise awareness, support those affected, and advance research toward better treatment and a cure;

WHEREAS, increasing awareness among healthcare professionals and the public can help improve early recognition and diagnosis, leading to better outcomes and quality of life for people living with scleroderma; and

WHEREAS, residents of our community are living with scleroderma and demonstrate strength and resilience while navigating complex medical challenges; and

Now, therefore, I, James V. Dodge, Village President of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois in the Counties of Cook and Will, do hereby proclaim June as Scleroderma Awareness Month and June 29th as World Scleroderma Day in 2026.

Signed: _____
James V. Dodge, Village President
Village of Oland Park

Dated: June 15, 2026