

PROCLAMATION
Declaring June through August, 2016
“Play Ball Month”

WHEREAS, the sport of baseball is America’s national pastime; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors and Mayor League Baseball has come together to recognize June through August as *Play Ball Summer*; and

WHEREAS, *Play Ball Summer* encourages families and communities to participate in the game of baseball thus creating a sustainable enthusiasm for the game; and

WHEREAS, cities across the country will be coming together during the summer to support the growth of baseball; and

WHEREAS, the sport of baseball has produced countless family and community bonding experiences; and

WHEREAS, the sport of baseball has taught our youth valuable life lessons of teamwork, perseverance, leadership and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the sport of baseball has formed a diverse culture showcasing a snapshot of where America stands today; and

WHEREAS, the sport of baseball provides a proud sense of belonging to something bigger than oneself; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance and influence of the sport of baseball in the Village of Orland Park.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, do hereby proclaim June through August, 2016 as *Play Ball Summer*.

DATED this 16th day of May, 2016.

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor