

Proclamation

WHEREAS, K-9 Maverick became a member of the Orland Park Police Department in 2018 after completing training in trailing and narcotics detection; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Maverick and his handler Officer Joe Zumerling were assigned to a multi-agency stolen auto task force where they assisted over 20 law enforcement agencies and school districts; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Maverick was deployed over 200 times and responsible for locating kilos of narcotics; and

WHEREAS, Maverick also completed numerous missing and endangered person searches; and

WHEREAS, for the past eight years, Maverick has given uncompromising dedication to his handler, Officer Zumerling, the Police Department, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Maverick, due to his age, will retire from the Orland Park Police Department on April 6, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Dodge, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, in recognition of the outstanding contributions of Maverick, do gladly hereby proclaim the 6th day of April, 2026 as “K-9 Maverick Day” in the Village of Orland Park and encourage all residents to thank Maverick for his dedicated service to our community and wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.