

PROCLAMATION
Community Organization of the Month
February 2026
The Cancer Support Center

WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park recognizes the essential role community organizations play in enhancing the health, resilience, and quality of life of residents; and

WHEREAS, The Cancer Support Center exists to provide strength, guidance, and support to anyone impacted by cancer, including patients, survivors, caregivers, and loved ones, regardless of where they are in their journey; and

WHEREAS, The Cancer Support Center offers evidence-based programs and services delivered personally and virtually by professional therapists, counselors, nutritionists, and healthcare experts, ensuring accessible, compassionate care for individuals and families across many communities; and

WHEREAS, all services provided by The Cancer Support Center are offered at no cost to participants, made possible through the dedication of donors, benefactors, volunteers, and community supporters who understand the importance of comprehensive emotional and wellness support; and

WHEREAS, The Cancer Support Center was founded in 1992 by Joan Hopkins and Judy Svancarek, along with a group of healthcare professionals and community advocates, who recognized the need for emotional and educational support for individuals and families facing cancer; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, The Cancer Support Center has provided inclusive, ongoing support without geographic or participation limits, offering care from diagnosis through treatment and long after physical recovery; and

WHEREAS, The Cancer Support Center serves thousands of individuals annually, helping to ease the emotional burden of cancer and empowering participants to find hope, help, and healing throughout their cancer journey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Dodge, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois, in the Counties of Cook and Will, do hereby extend the gratitude of the entire community to The Cancer Support Center for its exceptional service, compassion, and dedication to supporting individuals and families impacted by cancer, and hereby proclaim February 2026 as The Cancer Support Center Community Organization of the Month in the Village of Orland Park.

Jim Dodge, Mayor
Village of Orland Park