

PROCLAMATION
Encouraging Village Officials & Staff to
Participate in Bike to Work Week – June 11-17, 2011

WHEREAS, the Bike Commuter Challenge is celebrated during Chicago's Bike to Work Week, June 11-17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park prides itself on having nearly 65 miles of bike paths, sidewalks and on street mileage with more than ten miles of primary bike path miles; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park recognizes that an increase in the number of bicyclists reduces traffic congestion and pollution; and

WHEREAS, encouraging bicycling in the community is an integral part of the village's green initiative, calling on all residents to reduce their carbon footprints and conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park recognizes the many benefits of bicycling, including exercise, building strength and stamina, improving fitness and reducing stress; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park promotes employee wellness with a number of programs, including the LiveWell events, Virgin Health Miles, weekly bicycle rides, weekly volleyball games, wellness screenings, weight loss competitions and more; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Orland Park is encouraging its employees to bike to work during Chicago's Bike to Work Week, June 11-17, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL J. McLAUGHLIN, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois do hereby accept the Village of Oak Lawn's challenge to determine which municipality can recruit the highest percentage of village officials and staff to bike to work during the Bike Commuter Challenge for the honor of declaring itself the South Suburbs' Bike Commuting Champion.

DATED this 6th day of June, 2011.

Signed: _____
Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor