

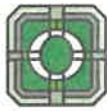
MAYOR

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

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE 250th BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. ARMY

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, authorized the establishment of the Continental Army; and

WHEREAS, the collective expression of the pursuit of personal freedom that caused the authorization and organization of the United States Army led to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the codification of our country's basic principles and values in the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, for the past 250 years, the Army's central mission has been to fight and win our Nation's wars; and

WHEREAS, the motto of "Duty, Honor, Country" is the creed by which the American soldier lives and serves; and

WHEREAS, no matter what the cause, location or magnitude of future conflicts, Americans can rely on their Army to produce well-trained, well-led and highly motivated soldiers to carry out the missions entrusted to them; and

WHEREAS, several citizens in the Orland Park community have proudly served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom while serving in the United States Army and other branches of our Nation's military.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Dodge Mayor of the Village of Orland Park and the Board of Trustees of Orland Park, Cook & Will Counties, Illinois do hereby commend the soldiers of the United States Army, past and present, and recognize the historic significance of June 14, 2025 as the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Army.

And expresses the appreciation of the citizens of Orland Park to the United States Army and to the dedicated soldiers who have served for 250 years.

Dated this 27th day of May 2025.

James Dodge
Mayor

Mary Ryan Norwell
Village Clerk