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PROCLAMATION

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of
ORLAND SQUARE MALL
1976 to 2026

WHEREAS, Orland Square Mall opened on March 15, 1976, developed by Homart Development Company and designed by the acclaimed firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, quickly establishing itself as the Chicago Southland's premier shopping destination and a major catalyst for Orland Park's suburban growth; and

WHEREAS, the mall grew steadily in its early years, welcoming Sears and Marshall Field's at opening, followed by JCPenney in April 1977 and Carson Pirie Scott in October 1977, four anchors that cemented its place as the commercial heart of the region; and

WHEREAS, Orland Square Mall has demonstrated remarkable resilience over five decades, undergoing major renovations in 1995 and 2012, with the 2012 project modernizing entrances, floors, and the food court and paving the way for upscale dining such as The Cheesecake Factory, while transitioning to Simon Property Group ownership in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the mall has continued to adapt to a changing retail landscape, converting the Marshall Field's anchor to Macy's in 2006, transforming the former Sears location into a Dick's Sporting Goods House of Sport, and expanding its tenant mix with retailers such as H&M and entertainment venues including Dave & Buster's; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Orland Square Mall has been more than a shopping center, serving as a gathering place for families, a source of local employment, a partner in community events, and a defining landmark that has shaped the identity and prosperity of the Village of Orland Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James V. Dodge, Village President of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois in the Counties of Cook and Will, do hereby honor and celebrate the **50th Anniversary of Orland Square Mall**, extend the congratulations and gratitude of the entire community to its ownership, management, tenants, and employees, past and present, whose dedication has kept this landmark thriving for half a century, and hereby proclaim **Monday, June 16, 2026 as Orland Square Mall Day** in the Village of Orland Park.

Signed:

James V. Dodge, Village President
Village of Oland Park

Dated: June 15, 2026