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Village of Orland Park Proclamation

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING MITCHELL'S FLOWERS AS ORLAND
PARK'S BUSINESS OF THE MONTH**

Whereas, Orland Park's John Mitchell first opened Mitchell's Flowers in 1916 in Chicago at 72nd and State Street; and

Whereas, Mitchell's Flowers is a family-run business and has been for five generations starting with John Mitchell followed by his nephews, Chris and Nick Mitchell who handed the reigns to Chris' sons Ted and George Mitchell and then to George's children, David, Dan and Patty Mitchell and finally to the current generation of children who all are a part of the family business; and

Whereas, Mitchell's Flowers moved to Orland Park in 1973 by George while the Chicago location stayed open and was run by Ted Mitchell, George's brother; and

Whereas, Mitchell's Flowers has been at the same location since 1973, a house from the 1880's that was once the home to the first Superintendent for District 230 Orland Park schools; and

Whereas, 2019 was a record prom and homecoming year for Mitchell's Flowers where they also provide services for over 100 weddings per year; and

Whereas, George Mitchell is active in Kiwanis Bingo providing approximately \$125,000 a year to the community and local charities while his wife Nancy helped raise over \$1.2 million for the McCord Gallery and Cultural Center addition in Palos Park; and

Whereas, Mitchell's Flowers provided their services to both Marshall Fields and Carson's for their Grand Openings at Orland Square; and

Whereas, George and Dan are both members of the American Institute of Floral Design while George, Dave and Nancy are all members of the American Academy of Floriculture and were honored with the opportunity to work with other talented florists throughout the country for the Inaugural Balls for three presidents; President George Bush Sr., President Bill Clinton and President George Bush Jr. and various Rose Bowl Parade floats.

Now, therefore, I, Keith Pekau, Village President of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois in the Counties of Cook and Will, do hereby extend the gratitude of the entire community for more than 46 years of serving the community and hereby proclaim Monday, November 18, 2019 as Mitchell's Flowers Day in the Village of Orland Park.

Signed:

Keith Pekau, Village President
Village of Orland Park

Dated: November 18, 2019