

# RESOLUTION

## CREATION OF COMMUNITY GARDENS IN OAK PARK AND NATIONAL COMMUNITY GARDEN AWARENESS WEEK AUGUST 23 – 26, 2010

**WHEREAS**, in August 2009, U.S. Agricultural Secretary, Tom Vilsack, proclaimed August 23-29 National Community Gardening Week; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the educational and nutritional importance of connecting with the land and creating a local, sustainable, organic food source; and

**WHEREAS**, in further recognition that community gardens provide other benefits including resource conservation, neighborhood beautification, family and community interaction and opportunities to eat healthy, nutritious foods; and

**WHEREAS**, in further recognition of the many vegetable gardens that have been created in the Village of Oak Park including but not limited to school gardens at Beye, Hatch, Holmes and Whittier, community gardens at the YMCA, the Buzz Café and Root Riot on Madison Street, and the congregation garden at Fair Oaks Presbyterian.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, David G. Pope, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim August 23-29 Village Community Gardening Week; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees directs staff to convene three community meetings to gain input as to priority steps to incorporating and expanding local sustainable food systems into the Oak Park and River Forest Sustainability Action Plan.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:

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David G. Pope  
Village President

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Teresa Powell  
Village Clerk