



**State of Minnesota
City of Oakdale
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakdale firmly believes that the values of compassion, empathy, and community support are the foundation of a united and harmonious society, fostering connections that transcend differences; and

WHEREAS, the strength and prosperity of our cities, towns, and villages are based in the selflessness of its residents to serve and uplift one another; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the profound impact that can be achieved when we extend a helping hand to our neighbors, especially those of diverse backgrounds, living them up and collectively working to improve lives; and

WHEREAS, we nurture a culture of giving within our cities, emphasizing that volunteerism is not just a duty but a source of personal fulfillment and community strength; and as we work side by side with and learn from each other, mutual understanding increases, misconceptions can be corrected, and new friendships are built; and

WHEREAS, we urge all citizens to care for one another, volunteer, and engage in acts of service and kindness that contribute to our City's betterment and its inhabitants' well-being, regardless of background or belief; and

THEREFORE, I, Kevin Zabel, Mayor of Oakdale, Minnesota, hereby proclaim that the City of Oakdale commits to promoting volunteerism, leveraging JustServe.org to make it easier for residents to find and engage in volunteer opportunities, and will regularly acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of volunteers.

IN WITNESS THEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oakdale to be affixed on this 27th day of January, 2026.



Kevin Zabel, Mayor