

# PROCLAMATION

Presented by  
**Senator Ram Villivalam**  
commemorating the actions of  
**Skokie Community Foundation**  
Presented this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

**WHEREAS:** The members of the Illinois Senate are pleased to recognize the Skokie Community Foundation for its instrumental actions in aiding our community during the unprecedented start of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS:** In late March of 2020, the foundation launched "Skokie Spirit Shines Through" which is a partnership between the Skokie village and the Skokie Community Foundation with the intention of amassing monetary donations to assist residents through the challenging pandemic; and

**WHEREAS:** As a result of this initiative, vast amounts were donated and collected which were later allocated into proportional increments by Skokie Human Services then distributed to families who were negatively impacted financially by the surreal circumstances; and

**WHEREAS:** The Skokie Spirit Shines Through campaign raised nearly \$70,000 for the Village of Skokie's Health and Human Services Division; and

**WHEREAS:** In summer 2020, the Skokie Spirit Shines Through campaign transitioned into a series of neighbor profiles that will highlight the contributions of our neighbors in Skokie who were instrumental in helping our community at the start of the pandemic; therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED:** BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commend the Skokie Community Foundation for its remarkable service to the Skokie community amid the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

**PROCLAIMED:** That a suitable copy of this proclamation be presented to the Skokie Community Foundation as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

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