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-P-R-O-C-L-A-M-A-T-I-O-N- **DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2023 RARE DISEASE DAY**

WHEREAS, Rare Disease Day is the globally coordinated movement on rare diseases, working towards equity in social opportunity, healthcare, and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease.

WHEREAS, A Rare Disease or Disorder is one that affects less than 200,000 Americans. There are over 7,000 rare diseases that affect more than 30 million Americans. These conditions are often lifelong, and many are terminal. Approximately two-thirds of those affected with a rare disease are children.

WHEREAS, Rare Disease Day was created in 2008 and has played a critical part in building an international rare disease community that is multi-disease, global, and diverse— but united in purpose.

WHEREAS, 72% of Rare Diseases are Genetic, while others are the result of infection, allergies, and environmental causes.

WHEREAS, Rare Disease Day is patient-led, however, everyone, including individuals, families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, clinicians, policy makers, industry representatives and the general public, can participate in raising awareness and taking action today for this vulnerable population who require immediate and urgent attention.

WHEREAS, Further medical research and awareness can bring hope for treatments and cures for these rare diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Kelly Burke, Mayor of the Village of Evergreen Park declare February 28, 2023, to be RARE DISEASE DAY.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2023

Kelly Burke, Mayor
Village of Evergreen Park



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