

**A Proclamation
Designating the Virginia Bluebell as the Official Flower of the Village of
Romeoville**

WHEREAS, the Village of Romeoville is committed to preserving and celebrating the natural beauty, ecological diversity, and environmental heritage of our community; and

WHEREAS, native plant species play a vital role in supporting local ecosystems, including pollinators, wildlife, and soil health; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Bluebell (*Mertensia virginica*), a native wildflower of Illinois, is known for its striking clusters of bell-shaped blossoms that transition from pink buds to vibrant blue flowers, symbolizing renewal, resilience, and the arrival of spring; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Bluebell thrives in woodland and riverbank environments similar to natural areas found within and around Romeoville, reflecting the Village's connection to its regional landscape; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of native plants such as the Virginia Bluebell aligns with the Village's commitment to sustainability, conservation, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, designating an official village flower fosters community pride, environmental awareness, and appreciation for the natural features that enhance the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation and Sustainability Committee is planning the inaugural Bluebell Festival on May 2nd at O'Hara Woods from 9 AM to 1 PM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, John D. Noak, Mayor of the Village of Romeoville, do hereby proclaim the Virginia Bluebell as the official flower of the Village of Romeoville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the residents of Romeoville are encouraged to recognize, plant, and protect native species, including the Virginia Bluebell, as part of our shared commitment to preserving the natural beauty of our community.