CITY OF WINTER PARK

proclamation

Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens Day | November 17, 2026

WHEREAS, in 1950, internationally acclaimed sculptor Albin Polasek retired to Winter Park, established his home and studio on the shores of Lake Osceola, and continued his artistic practice despite the physical challenges of a debilitating stroke; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Polasek and his wife, Emily Muska Kubat Polasek, established the Albin Polasek Foundation, seasonally opening their home, studio, galleries, chapel and sculpture gardens to the public and creating a lasting opportunity to share his artistic legacy with the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Polasek was designated a "Great Floridian" by the State of Florida in recognition of his significant contributions to arts and culture, and the Museum & Sculpture Gardens ongoing mission is to connect residents and guests with this legacy; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's historic home and studio have earned national recognition, including designation as part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Historic Artists' Homes and Studios program; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Museum inaugurated the Winter Park Paint Out, an annual plein air art festival celebrating Winter Park's distinctive scenery and artistic community while serving as the Museum's signature fundraising event; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Winter Park community saved the historic 1885 Capen House from demolition by relocating the home to the Museum's grounds, thus preserving an important piece of the city's architectural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park congratulates the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens on 65 years of the Albin Polasek Foundation and celebrates its contributions to the arts, dedication to sustaining local history, and role in enriching the cultural landscape of Winter Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, November 17, 2026,** to be **"Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens Day"** in the City of Winter Park, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 10th day of November 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor