



# Proclamation

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## Optimist Day

**Thursday, February 5, 2026**

**Whereas** Volunteers working with young people who are our joy of today and are our hope for tomorrow, are exuberant representatives of the potential to be reached and dreams to come true. They are also unbounded in their enthusiasm to use their own talent, skills, and hard work to make a difference in others' lives, and;

**Whereas** Members of Optimist International will celebrate OPTIMIST DAY throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote their efforts in helping and recognizing the young people that make a difference in their communities and who will encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults; and,

**Whereas** There are 2400 Optimist Clubs, with more than 70,000 Members, in Optimist International and Optimist members throughout the world that carry out more than 6,500 service projects that serve six million young people a year;

**Therefore be it resolved that**, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim the day of **Thursday, February 5, 2026 as Optimist Day** in the Town of Aurora. May this day instill pride in our town's Optimists for all of their accomplishments and for the impact they have to truly make a difference in others' lives.

Tom Mrakas  
Mayor