

# PROCLAMATION

## OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

**MAY 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Oak Park, Illinois is a community that includes over 8,779 citizens aged 60 or older; and

**WHEREAS**, the older adults in Oak Park are among of our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

**WHEREAS**, the older adults in Oak Park deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:

Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life;

Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age;

Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim May 2015 to be Older Americans Month, and that May 14 – 21 2015 be designated as “Celebrating Seniors Week” in the Village of Oak Park. We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition of and involvement with older Americans can enrich our entire community’s quality of life.

**ADOPTED** and **APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Teresa Powell  
Village Clerk

