

PROCLAMATION

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY OCTOBER 9, 2017

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since ancient times; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park recognizes the value of many contributions made to our community and the United States of American through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, spirituality, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that substantially shaped the character of our Country; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park has a responsibility to promote and honor our nation's Indigenous history and contributions of the Indigenous People to our Village, our State and our Country; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on December 16, 2010 and the Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources"; and

WHEREAS, Article 15 of the Declaration recognizes the right of indigenous peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information" and places an obligation on States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of society"; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Oak Park shall recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on Monday, October 9, 2017, and each year thereafter on the second Monday in October; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value of the Indigenous People; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Oak Park encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous People's Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim that the Village of Oak Park shall recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on Monday, October 9, 2017, and each year thereafter on the second Monday in October.

DATED this 5th day of September, 2017.

Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman
Village Clerk