

PROCLAMATION

Building Safety Month — May, 2016 **“Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks”**

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park, in their continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, gives us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings where we live, learn, work, worship and play, and;

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes, and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities’ largely unknown guardians of public safety who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings and to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim May 2016, as Building Safety Month in the Village of Oak Park and ask residents to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

DATED this 2nd day of May, 2016.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST:

Teresa Powell, Village Clerk