

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2019

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention of substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people do recover in our area and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS**, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Addiction Recovery Team (ART) invite all residents of Oak Park to participate in National Recovery Month activities; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce stigma locally, the Addiction Recovery Team (ART) of Oak Park, supported in part by the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township, Concordia University, and The Way Back Inn, strive to create supportive networks for those in recovery with education and events including a screening of "Russell Brand from Addiction to Recovery" at Concordia University Chicago on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am with a poster presentation, panel discussion, lunch and live music.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim September 2019 to be "National Recovery Month" in the Village of Oak Park, and encourage all Oak Parkers to join in supporting those in recovery.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Vicki Scaman  
Village Clerk