

PROCLAMATION

IN SUPPORT OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, on the weekend of August 11, 2017, the community of Charlottesville, Virginia was the site of domestic terrorism when Heather Heyer was killed and 19 others were injured in a senseless act of violence and numerous others were injured in violence related to the demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Pilot H. Jay Cullen and Trooper Pilot Berke M. M. Bates of the Virginia State Police lost their lives in a helicopter accident while supporting public safety operations related to the events in Charlottesville;

WHEREAS, racism, hatred and senseless violence are not representative of the values we hold as Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park joins the country in offering our condolences and support to the community of Charlottesville as they heal from these tragic events; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park also offers the community of Charlottesville its belief that cities and villages are the place where people of widely differing backgrounds can do more than live next to one another and when city government creates intentional opportunities for citizen involvement that is mutually respectful we believe that through interaction, we can reconcile the apparent paradox of appreciating and even celebrating our differences while at the same time developing consensus on a shared vision for the future.

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park affirms all people as members of the human family and we reject the notion of race as a barrier dividing us and we reject prejudicial behavior towards any group of people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby direct the Village Manager to submit this proclamation of the Village of Oak Park,

Illinois to Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer, Vice-Mayor Wes Bellamy, City Council Members, Kristin Szakos, Kathy Galvin and Bob Fenwick and City Manager Maurice Jones along with our condolences for the three lives that were lost on the weekend of August 11, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Oak Park offers its solidarity and support for Charlottesville, its elected officials, city employees, and citizens as they endeavor to foster unity, uphold equality for all members of society and lay a foundation for mutual understanding amongst individuals of diverse backgrounds.

DATED this 5th day of September, 2017.

Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman
Village Clerk