

PROCLAMATION

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH

JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Greenwich Village, known as the birth of the modern LGBTQ+ movement in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and a half-century of LGBTQ+ liberation; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Pride Month honors LGBTQ+ pioneers and recognizes the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, queer, plus individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association, one of the largest LGBTQ+ membership organizations in Illinois, helped make the Village of Oak Park a statewide and national leader in LGBTQ+ civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association helped amend the Village of Oak Park's Human Rights Ordinance to bar employment and housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association helped secure Domestic Partnership Benefits for village employees; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association helped establish a Human Dignity policy for LGBTQ+ school employees; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association played an important role in rallying for the passage of Civil Unions and Marriage Equality in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association and a 30-year commitment of promoting full equality for and positive attitudes towards the LGBTQ+ community and providing a positive community family for its members through social activities, civic engagement, and community activism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim June 2019 to be "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Pride Month" in the Village of Oak Park, and encourage all Oak Parkers to join in celebrating LGBTQ+ social and self-acceptance, achievements, legal rights, and pride here in Oak Park and around the world during LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

DATED this 3rd day of June, 2019.

Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman
Village Clerk