

# PROCLAMATION

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2017

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to call attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every person in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, rape, sexual assault, and violence impacts women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds and we must all work together to educate our residents about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing crimes against citizens living in Illinois, through increased awareness and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park strongly supports the dedicated efforts of rape crisis centers throughout the State to encourage every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts to end sexual violence, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with crucial services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I** Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as “**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**”, in the Village of Oak Park and urge all citizens to commit to taking action against rape and sexual assault.

**DATED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Teresa Powell  
Village Clerk