

# PROCLAMATION

## HOUSING FORWARD - 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS,** Housing Forward is a nonprofit organization that began 25 years ago on October 2, 1992 to serve men, women and families who were homeless in the communities of Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park; and

**WHEREAS,** Housing Forward's mission is to transition individuals from housing crisis to housing stability and has grown to addressing the long term solutions of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 15,000 people have been assisted in meeting their shelter, housing and financial assistance needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Housing Forward is supported by 1,100 volunteers and over 40 area congregations who have provided over 237,000 nights of shelter, over 674,000 meals and supported efforts to provide over 316,000 nights of housing.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as Housing Forward's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Month and encourage all citizens to recognize that there are homeless individuals and families in our community who need the support of their fellow citizens and from the private and public nonprofit agencies that serve them.

**DATED** this 4th day of October, 2016.

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Teresa Powell  
Village Clerk