

PROCLAMATION

Older Americans Month May, 2017

WHEREAS, Oak Park, Illinois is a community that includes over 8,779 of citizens aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Oak Park, Illinois are among of our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Oak Park, Illinois deserve recognitions for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:

Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life;

Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age;

Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, along with the Federal Administration on Aging (AoA) do hereby proclaim May 2017 to be Older Americans Month in the Village of Oak Park and that the week of May 18th through the 25th be designated as “Celebrating Seniors Week”. We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community’s quality of life.

DATED this 17th day of April, 2017.

Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President

ATTEST:

Teresa Powell
Village Clerk