

## PROCLAMATION

A Day of Remembrance in Honor of Barbara Furlong  
November 28, 1931 – October 2, 2017

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2017, the Village of Oak Park lost a remarkable leader and true public servant; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong 's served as Village President from April 1997 to April 2001 and Village Trustee from 1989 to 1993. While Village President, Oak Park experienced a tremendous public and private investment with one of the community's largest development projects to that point coming to Lake Street and Euclid known as Euclid Terraces, the multiple structure, mixed-use development also addressed one of the community's most pressing needs for parking by including a new garage with 500-plus public parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, in September 1997, Village President Furlong was a part of Oak Park's adoption of the state's first ordinance setting up a domestic partnership registry for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Furlong as both a local elected official and a resident since 1973 was a vocal advocate of the need to address issues on a regional basis and championed a partnership between Oak Park and River Forest to create an emergency telephone dispatch center to serve both communities; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Barbara Furlong as Village President earned her WCMC's prestigious *Jack Williams Intergovernmental Achievement Award* for 2001.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Anan Abu-Taleb, Oak Park Village President, do hereby proclaim today, October 16, 2017 as a Day of Remembrance for Barbara Furlong and call upon each citizen of Oak Park to take a moment and reflect upon her life and contributions to Oak Park.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the sincere condolences of the Village President and Board of Trustees are extended to the bereaved family of Barbara Furlong, her children, Mary, Thomas, Timothy and Matt, her thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and that this proclamation be recorded in the official minutes of this meeting.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Vicki Scaman  
Village Clerk