PROCLAMATION National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 8-14, 2018

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch center; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety. Public Safety Telecommunicators of the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, Mayor of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the week of April 8 through 14, 2018 to be **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK** in Oak Park, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 19th day of March 2018.

Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman Village Clerk