

# **P R O C L A M A T I O N**

## **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2018**

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall health and wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness. Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving a healthy lifestyle, both physically and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS**, to help people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Addiction Recovery Team (ART) invite all residents of Oak Park to participate in National Recovery Month activities; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce stigma locally, the Addiction Recovery Team (ART) of Oak Park, supported by the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township, Concordia University, and The Way Back Inn, strives to create supportive networks for those in recovery with education and events including a screening of "As I AM: DJ AM", an insider's look at the life of DJ AM, "American's first million dollar DJ" and his struggle with recovery at Concordia University on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim September 2018 to be "National Recovery Month" in the Village of Oak Park, and encourage all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and to support community treatment programs.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Vicki Scaman  
Village Clerk