

PROCLAMATION

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2018

WHEREAS, LGBTQ History Month is an annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ History Month provides role models, builds community, and represents a civil rights statement about the contributions of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park made LGBTQ history by electing the first lesbian mayor in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association, one of the largest LGBTQ membership organizations in Illinois, was instrumental in securing the first Domestic Partnership Registry for same-sex couples in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association helped make the Village of Oak Park a statewide and national leader in LGBTQ civil rights by amending Oak Park's Human Rights Ordinance to bar employment and housing discrimination; securing Domestic Partnership Benefits for village employees; establishing a Human Dignity policy for LGBTQ school employees; and rallying for the passage of Civil Unions and Marriage Equality in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Visit Oak Park, Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association, Illinois Office of Tourism, The Legacy Project, and Nineteenth Century Club have come together to commemorate LGBTQ History Month with an "Amazing For All" LGBTQ History Month Exhibit featuring a 6 by 23-foot wooden "Amazing For All" sculpture, and a special community display honoring LGBTQ historical figures from Chicago's Legacy Walk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim October 2018 to be "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer History Month" in the Village of Oak Park, and encourage all Oak Parkers to join in celebrating the contributions of the LGBTQ community here in Oak Park and around the world by participating in any and all events commemorating LGBTQ history and civil rights, including the "Amazing For All" LGBTQ History Month Exhibit on display for the public from October 1st to October 25th at the Nineteenth Century Club.

DATED this 1st day of October, 2018.

Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman
Village Clerk