PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2019

WHEREAS, millions of Americans face hunger every day; and

WHEREAS, hunger can affect people from all walks of life, many Americans are one job loss or medical crisis away from food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, in Oak Park alone, it is estimated that over 7,000 people are 'food insecure' – meaning they do not know where their next meal is coming from; and

WHEREAS, solving hunger is attainable but can only be achieved by building coalitions and collaborating across communities; and

WHEREAS, September is Hunger Action Month - a month where people all over America stand together with Feeding America and the nationwide network of food banks to fight hunger; and

WHEREAS, Beyond Hunger, formerly Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry, has created an action plan for how we can work together to end hunger, visit GoBeyondHunger.org to learn more about how you can help.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim September 2019 to be "National Hunger Action Month" in the Village of Oak Park, and encourage all Oak Parkers to take action to reduce hunger in our community and across the country.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2019.

Anan Abu-Taleb Village President

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman Village Clerk