

## PROCLAMATION

### Recognition of Unity Temple as a UNESCO World Heritage Site

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2019, the World Heritage Committee, meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, officially inscribed *The 20th-Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright*, which includes eight major works spanning 50 years of Wright's career, on the UNESCO World Heritage List; and

WHEREAS, Unity Temple, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and constructed in Oak Park beginning in 1906, was dedicated on September 26, 1909, during Sunday services for the Unity Church Congregation. Following the dedication, the Board of Trustees issued a resolution thanking Frank Lloyd Wright noting their belief that "the building will long endure as a monument to his artistic genius and that, so long as it endures, it will stand forth as a masterpiece of art and architecture."

WHEREAS, Unity Temple is included as one of the sites representing the first modern architecture designation in the country on the prestigious World Heritage list which also includes the Giza Pyramid Complex in Egypt, the Great Wall of China, Mont Saint-Michel in France, the Taj Mahal in India and the Pantheon in Italy to name only a few of the more than 1,000 World Heritage sites around the world. The group of Wright sites and Unity Temple is now among only 24 sites in the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Anan Abu-Taleb, Oak Park Village President, do hereby honor and recognize the UNESCO designation of Unity Temple as a World Heritage site and call upon each resident of Oak Park to take a moment and reflect upon the significance of this first modern building.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Vicki Scaman  
Village Clerk