

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

## **FOOD WASTE AWARENESS WEEK**

### **WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Food waste represents the largest single category of waste in landfills in the United States. Food waste decaying in landfills emits methane, a powerful greenhouse gas linked to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park will proclaim the week of November 3, 2019 as Food Waste Awareness Week in order to acknowledge initiatives by the community to encourage all residents to minimize their footprint by helping reduce wasted food, and save money. Forty percent of all food thrown out happens at the individual or household level. The National Resource Defense Council estimates that an average family of four tosses out about 1,000 pounds of food each year, wasting roughly \$1,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park will encourage the showing of the Film, "Just Eat It", Sunday, Nov. 3, 3pm at the Main Library, and support the Food Waste Workshop, Thursday, Nov. 7, 7pm at the Main Library; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park continues to expand the food scrap composting collections program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Oak Park has long been recognized as a leader in providing zero waste to landfills and composting programs for residents, schools and public institutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the Week of November 3, 2019, as FOOD WASTE AWARENESS WEEK and ask citizens, businesses, government agencies and other organizations to strive to recycle whenever possible, encourage environmental responsibility and promote environmental awareness, not only during this month but throughout the year.

APOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of October, 2019.

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Vicki Scaman  
Village Clerk