

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATING THE OAK PARK CONSERVATORY STOP ON THE CTA BLUE LINE AT OAK PARK AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Conservatory was built in 1929 and the Edwardian-style glass structure houses a botanical collection of more than 3,000 plants was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, this spectacular glass structure provides a much needed oasis for more than 50,000 residents and tourists annually to enjoy a bit of the Mediterranean, Tropics and Desert all under one roof, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Conservatory is owned by the Park District of Oak Park and supported by The Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory, a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit, whose mission is to promote the Conservatory, and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, The Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory raised funds to support the Conservator and provided thousands of volunteer hours to provide educational programming for children and adults, through School Tours, Exploration Station, Toddler Exploration, Docent Guided Tours and more, and

**WHEREAS**, the Park District of Oak Park has approved a Resolution asking the CTA to rename the Oak Park stop on the Blue Line to the “Oak Park Conservatory” stop; and

**WHEREAS**, this renaming will highlight the Oak Park Conservatory much the way the Conservatory – Central Park Drive stop on the Green Line highlighted the Garfield Park Conservatory several years ago,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the Village’s support for the Park

District of Oak Park's request to rename the Oak Park Avenue stop on the Blue Line to "Oak Park Conservatory" stop; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Manager shall forward copies of this Proclamation to the Chicago Transit Authority and the Park District of Oak Park.

Dated: February 18, 2020

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Vicki Scaman  
Village Clerk