

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **AMERICORP WEEK March 8-14, 2020**

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for nearly 75,000 Americans to serve their country through an intensive commitment to service at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, in Illinois, more than 13,200 AmeriCorps members of various ages and backgrounds helped to meet local needs at more than 1,600 locations in the State by tutoring or mentoring children and youth, supporting veterans and military families, combatting the opioid epidemic, restoring the environment, and responding to disasters.

WHEREAS, in exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members develop valuable work skills; earn money for continuing education; and strengthen the lives of their families, communities, and the Illinois as a whole;

WHEREAS, in Oak Park, we are proud to be a host community to our own Americorp Volunteer, Leslie Hernandez. She is part of a program of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus created to support the Greenest Region Compact Communities, for which Oak Park is a member, by working on various sustainability efforts;

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of the more than 1 million Americans who have chosen to serve their country through AmeriCorps and their community partners, and to encourage more Americans to follow their footsteps in service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Anan Abu-Taleb, Mayor of the Village of Oak Park, do hereby designate March 8-14, 2020, as AmeriCorps Week in Oak Park, and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service, and in particular Leslie Hernandez who is currently serving at the Village.

Dated: March 2, 2020

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Anan Abu-Taleb  
Village President

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Vicki Scaman  
Village Clerk