

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, ILLINOIS BECOMING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AS DESIGNATED BY DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AMERICA

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois ("Village"), desires to improve and enhance the quality of life for its residents within the Village's corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, someone in the world develops dementia every three seconds and there are an estimated 47 million people worldwide living with dementia; and

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes the changing dynamics of its community and the importance of addressing the needs of its aging population, including those impacted by dementia; and

WHEREAS, the Village has collaborated with the Park District of Oak Park, the Oak Park Library and the Oak Park Township to champion and coordinate dementia friendly improvements in Oak Park with the assistance of the communities Aging in Place Commission and its Dementia Friendly Action Team; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Dementia Friendly Action Team has already and will continue to benefit from partnering with many stakeholders across the community, including Dr. Raj Shah and Rush Hospitals Alzheimer's Disease Center, Belmont Village, Right at Home, Brookdale Oak Park, Age Options, Concordia University, Oak Street Health and other committed entities and businesses, in a coordinated effort to bring about lasting dementia friendly improvements in Oak Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village has trained its first responders to better serve those impacted by dementia including advertising the Village's pre-existing emergency identification program that identifies and assists those suffering with dementia; and

WHEREAS, the Village has provided free business training options to Oak Park businesses in an effort to increase awareness and to better serve those impacted by dementia in our community; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the tremendous efforts of the Village, Park District, Library and Township, along with many outstanding stakeholders, culminated in the organization known as Dementia Friendly America, located in Washington, D.C. formally recognizing the Village as part of its network of communities; and

WHEREAS, Dementia Friendly America requires the Village to adopt a resolution approving and accepting the designation; and

WHEREAS, the Village has become the ninth governmental entity to be recognized in Illinois by Dementia Friendly America.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Approval and Acceptance of Designation as Dementia Friendly Community. The Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, graciously approves and accepts Dementia Friendly America's designation of the Village as a Dementia Friendly Community and pledges its support of this important initiative.

Section 3. Delivery of Resolution to Dementia Friendly America. The Village is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Dementia Friendly America.

Section 4. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Resolutions, Motions and Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution. All resolutions, motions and ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2020 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb				
Trustee Andrews				
Trustee Boutet				
Trustee Buchanan				
Trustee Moroney				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Walker-Peddakotla				

APPROVED this 21st day of September, 2020.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST

Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk