

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OBAMA FOUNDATION PLEDGE
WHICH WAS TAKEN BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT ANAN ABU-TALEB AS PART OF A
NATIONAL EFFORT TO ADDRESS POLICE VIOLENCE AND SYSTEMIC RACISM
BY EVALUATING LOCAL POLICE USE-OF-FORCE POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the loss of far too many Black lives to list, have left our nation anguished and outraged; and

WHEREAS, according to the Obama Foundation, more than 1,000 people are killed by police every year in America, and Black people are three times more likely to be killed than White people; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park ("Village") can take steps and institute reforms to combat police violence and systemic racism within law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, acting together, the Village can work to redefine public safety so that it recognizes the humanity and dignity of every person; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees are uniquely positioned to introduce common-sense limits on police use of force and commit to the following actions:

1. A review of the Police Department's use of force policies;
2. Engagement of the community on the policies by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in the review;
3. Compiling a report on the community's findings and seeking further feedback;
and
4. Reform of the Police Department's use of force policies pursuant to the above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees rejects racism and discrimination in all its forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees endeavors to maintain a functional system of local government which is based upon transparency, accountability and honest recognition of not only the present, but the past as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village President and each Trustee has sworn under oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and to faithfully discharge the duties of their office to the best of their ability pursuant

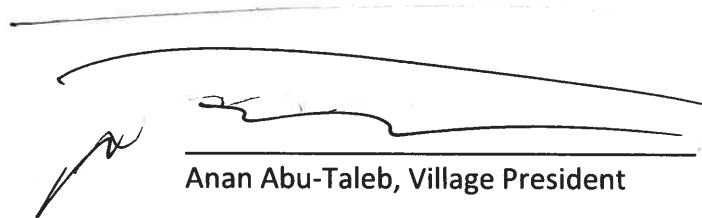
to Section 2-1-1 ("Oath and Bond of Officers Generally; Filed with Clerk") of the Oak Park Village Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Village Board of Trustees commits to work in support of diversity, equity and inclusion with the participation of the community as it undertakes a review of the Police Department's use of force policies pursuant to the Obama Foundation Pledge.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June, 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 22nd day of June, 2020.



Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST


Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk