

**OAK PARK TOWNSHIP**  
**Resolution 2020-02**  
**Supporting a “Dementia Friendly Oak Park”**

**WHEREAS:** OAK PARK TOWNSHIP, Cook County, Illinois, as part of its long established mission, strongly supports the health and well-being of older adults residing in Oak Park, Illinois;

**WHEREAS:** OAK PARK TOWNSHIP fulfills this mission in partnership with Senior Services of Oak Park and River Forest Townships (“Township Senior Services”);

**WHEREAS:** Someone in the world develops dementia every three seconds; there are an estimated 47 million people living with dementia; and the number of those with dementia is growing rapidly as the populations ages; and

**WHEREAS:** The health, safety, caregiving and financial challenges of those with dementia, as well as their care partners, are vast in scale; and

**WHEREAS:** OAK PARK TOWNSHIP recognize these trends and challenges and pledges to serve those with dementia and their care partners; and

**WHEREAS:** OAK PARK TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES will continue to deliver programs and services directed at those with dementia and their care partners, such as Memory Café, resources and care partner support; and

**WHEREAS:** OAK PARK TOWNSHIP applauds the “Dementia Friendly Oak Park” (“DFOP”) designation given to the Village of Oak Park Action Team by Dementia Friendly America in June 2020; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OAK PARK TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** That OAK PARK TOWNSHIP fully supports the “Dementia Friendly Oak Park” initiative.

**Section 2:** That OAK PARK TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES will continue to participate on the DFOP action team and develop and support programs aimed at meeting the needs of those with dementia and the care partners.

**Section 3:** That OAK PARK TOWNSHIP recognizes and congratulates those leading the DFOP designation effort: Village of Oak Park – Aging in Place Commission, Oak Park Public Library, Oak Park Township, Park District of Oak Park, Dr. Lydia Manning and the Concordia Center for Gerontology, Raj Shah, MD and Rush Hospital Alzheimer’s Disease Center.

**Section 4:** That this resolution is passed and adopted by the Oak Park Township Board of Trustees on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020.

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Clarmarie Keenan, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Greg White, Township Clerk