

Older Americans Month 2018 A Proclamation

Whereas, Oak Park, Illinois is a community that includes over 8,779 of citizens aged 60 and older; and

Whereas, the older adults in Oak Park, Illinois are among of our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

Whereas, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

Whereas, the older adults in Oak Park, Illinois deserve recognitions for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

Whereas, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:

Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life;

Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age;

Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions;

Now Therefore, the Township of Oak Park, Illinois, joins with the federal Administration on Aging (AoA) to hereby proclaim May 2018 to be Older Americans Month. We also proclaim that April 26th through the 3rd of the month of May 2018 be designated “Celebrating Seniors Week”. We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community’s quality of life.

Dated this _____ day of March 2018

Township of Oak Park

By _____