

AGEISM AWARENESS 2023 – A Proclamation by the Township of Oak Park.

Whereas, Ageism refers to the stereotypes (how we think), prejudice (how we feel) and discrimination (how we act) toward others based on age; and

Whereas, there are an estimated 11,862 older adults in Oak Park, IL over the age of sixty who are impacted by ageism; and

Whereas, ageism toward older adults affects their health and longevity, financial well-being and the economy of Oak Park, IL; and

Whereas, preventing ageism in education, employment, housing, and healthcare will benefit all; and

Whereas, recognizing that it is up to all of us to ensure that older adults are respected and portrayed as capable, competent, effective, and valued in all areas of society; and

Whereas, ageism awareness and preventing ageism is beneficial to all citizens of Oak Park, IL by improving quality of life within Oak Park, IL,

NOW, THEREFORE, The Township of Oak Park, Illinois hereby proclaims October 7th, 2023, as AGEISM AWARENESS DAY IN Illinois, County of Cook, Township of Oak Park. We recognize that our ongoing efforts to raise awareness around ageism informs everything we do and will continue throughout the year.

Dated this 10th day of October 2023

Clarmarie I. Keenan, Township Supervisor