

PROCLAMATION

Arts and Humanities Month October 2013

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world -- the enduring record of human achievement; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Oak Park, improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, arts education research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression, and problem solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, we use the humanities -- history, literature, philosophy -- to explore what it means to be human; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our state; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as **ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH** in the Village of Oak Park and call upon all citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture.

DATED this 21st day of October, 2013.


Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President

ATTEST:



Teresa Powell
Village Clerk