

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the arts are the embodiment of all things beautiful, emotional and entertaining in the world – an ever present and enduring, yet growing and evolving – record and reflection of the human experience defining personal, local and national achievements and challenges; and,

WHEREAS, the arts have often shed light, focus and awareness on the most vulnerable of society or those issues which bind us in the moment; and,

WHEREAS, through the arts we explore what it means to be human, illuminate our inner lives, enrich our emotional world, and teach compassion; and,

WHEREAS, art has the power to facilitate social interactions and raise mutual understanding of those experiences that make us unique and bring people and ideas together; and

WHEREAS, art has time and again proven a comfort in crisis, an outlet in adversity and a bridge to peace; and,

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as Arts DuPage Month by Arts DuPage and the arts and cultural organizations in all the communities within DuPage County; and,

WHEREAS, the arts enhance every aspect of life in Downers Grove playing a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as **ARTS DUPAGE MONTH** and call upon all citizens to seek, engage, celebrate and promote the arts in the Village of Downers Grove.

Dated this 8th Day of October, 2024 at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Mayor