

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

WHEREAS November 30, 2024, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, is Small Business Saturday, a nationwide campaign to spur business for small merchants; and

WHEREAS according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are over 33 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99% of all firms with paid employees in the United States; and

WHEREAS from 1995 to 2021, small businesses created 17.3 million jobs – nearly twice as many jobs as large businesses – and small businesses have accounted for 53% of net new job creation since 2023; and

WHEREAS the Village of Downers Grove celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS the Village of Downers Grove supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our economy, and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS small businesses are the heartbeat of our community and local economy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday in the Village of Downers Grove and urge all citizens to make a point of choosing to support businesses in Downers Grove now and throughout the year.

Dated this 19th day of November 2024, at Downers Grove, Illinois



Mayor