

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for revitalizing and sustaining neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining a sense of place while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a community; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation Month began as National Preservation week in 1973 and was extended to include the month of May in 2005 by the National Trust; and,

WHEREAS, "*Harnessing the Power of Place*" is the theme for Historic Preservation Month 2025 and celebrates the countless ways, big and small, that preservation strengthens communities, revitalizes neighborhoods, supports a healthier planet, and fosters a more just and connect society; and

WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Month 2025 is an occasion for celebrating the historic place-savers that pour their time, energy and resources into protecting places they care about, often without recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as **HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH** in the Village of Downers Grove and encourage residents and businesses to get engaged with your local historical society, visit and tour historic sites locally and when traveling and help build awareness and share your love of historic places on social media using #thisplacematters hashtags.

Dated this 20th day of May 2025, at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Robert T. Barnett, Mayor