

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" is an observance each September which is designed to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time; and,

WHEREAS, residents of the Village of Downers Grove are not immune to health emergencies, tornadoes, floods, power outages, heat waves, blizzards, deep freezes, cyber attacks, pandemics and other disasters both natural and man-made; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's 2025 theme is "Preparedness Starts at Home" and seeks to remind us that we all have responsibilities for our families, pets, neighbors and communities; and,

WHEREAS, talking about bad things that could happen is often difficult, yet such conversations held in time of calm, are critical parts of the preparation that can improve outcomes in time of crisis; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen and when individuals take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster are greatly increased; and,

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is also an opportunity to pay tribute to our first responders including local law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and public works professionals, who, when properly trained and equipped, have the greatest potential to save lives and limit casualties after a disaster or other large-scale emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH in the Village of Downers Grove and encourage all residents, families, neighbors, civic groups, religious institutions and businesses to start conversations today to help prepare for tomorrow and, to visit ready.gov for help in facilitating those conversations and in developing their own emergency preparedness plans, working together toward creating a more prepared and resilient society; and,

I encourage all citizens to find and take opportunities to thank those members of the law enforcement community, firefighting, emergency medical and public works professionals that stand always prepared to serve our community.

Dated this 9th day of September 2025 at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Mayor