

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS November 29, 2025, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, is Small Business Saturday, a nationwide campaign to spur business for small merchants; and

WHEREAS according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, there are over 33 million small businesses in the United States, representing 99.9% of all U.S. businesses nationwide; and

**Whereas**, small businesses across the United States provide employment for approximately 61.6 million individuals, comprising about 45.9 percent of the nation's workforce; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025, at Downers Grove, Illinois



Mayor