

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are often the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, and the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the DuPage Public Safety Communications Center, known as DU-COMM, serves the public safety communications needs of the Village of Downers Grove and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, while enduring long shifts and handling frequent life and death emergencies, DU-COMM dispatchers set high standards in performing their duties in a dedicated, diligent, professional and compassionate manner; and

WHEREAS, DU-COMM dispatchers provide a critical communication link between the residents of Downers Grove and police, fire and emergency medical service providers; and

WHEREAS, DU-COMM dispatchers efficiently coordinate emergency services to ensure the health and safety of our residents, visitors and travelers in our cities, towns, villages, and on our highways, 24 hours a day seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, DU-COMM dispatchers are rarely visible to the public while performing an exceptional service that deserves praise and recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2026 as **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week** in the Village of Downers Grove and commend the devotion, compassion, understanding and professionalism of the DU-COMM dispatchers.

Dated this 14th day of April 2026 at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Robert T. Barnett, Mayor