

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration has celebrated National Small Business Week for more than 60 years; and,

WHEREAS, small businesses account for more than 99 percent of all private sector employers and create nearly two out of every three new jobs nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, small businesses foster innovation, provide valuable services, goods, and amenities to our community, and contribute significantly to the growth of our local economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove supports and joins in the national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today; and,

WHEREAS, the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission and the Downtown Management Corporation both serve as vital resources for the local business community, supporting growth through networking, educations, business planning and peer support; and,

WHEREAS, National Small Business Week has been proclaimed by the President of the United States since 1963, honoring the vital role of small businesses in creating jobs, growing the economy, and anchoring our communities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3-9, 2026, as **National Small Business Week** in the Village of Downers Grove and call upon our citizens to join me in recognizing the achievements and contributions of the small business owners in our community by choosing to support them now and throughout the year.

Dated this 5th day of May 2026, at Downers Grove, Illinois



Mayor