

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Week of May 17-23, 2026, is designated as the 52nd annual Emergency Medical Services Week; and,

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are core public services offering a light in some of life's darkest times; and,

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme for EMS Week, "Improving Outcomes, Together" reminds us that the members of the Downers Grove Fire Department influence outcomes and change lives by rendering a wide range of vital Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services in the Village of Downers Grove to all residents, employees and guests in our Village whenever needed; and,

WHEREAS, access to timely quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury and the Downers Grove Fire Department provides such lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Downers Grove Fire Department team members have not hesitated to take on new roles and embrace new technologies and are committed to constant learning, training and preparation; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Downers Grove Fire Department engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Emergency Medical Services Week provides an excellent opportunity for the community to recognize the value and accomplishments of the members of the Downers Grove Fire Department who work and train diligently throughout the year to provide the citizens and visitors of Downers Grove with quality and caring emergency medical care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2026 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK and encourage all residents to share their appreciation and gratitude for the EMS professionals who provide lifesaving services every day in our community.

Dated this 19th day of May 2026, at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Robert T. Barnett, Mayor