

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Bike Month was established in 1956 and serves as an annual opportunity to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more folks to give biking a try; and,

WHEREAS, the Downers Grove Bicycle Club works year round promoting the joys and benefits of bicycling in Downers Grove and throughout the area; and,

WHEREAS, the Downers Grove Bike Club, the League of American Bicyclists, schools, park and recreation districts, public health officials, hospitals, companies, and other civic groups promotion of bicycling improves public awareness of safe bicycle operation, reducing collisions, injuries and fatalities, improving health and safety for everyone; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May the residents of Downers Grove are invited to join in Bike to Work Week, May 9 through 17, the Downers Grove Bike Club's participation in the annual Ride of Silence on May 20, honoring cyclists injured or killed while riding, and Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 15; and,

WHEREAS, for decades, Downers Grove's quiet streets attract bicyclists, providing an economical, healthy, convenient and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation, exploration and enjoyment of Downers Grove's beauty; and,

WHEREAS, cycling's low-impact-form or exercise can help protect riders from stroke, heart attack, depression, diabetes, obesity and arthritis; and,

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety and to reduce pollution and congestion and to grow the economy of Downers Grove.

WHEREAS, the Village's Comprehensive and Guiding DG Plans are intended to continue the development and improvement of non-vehicular transportation infrastructure, to ensure safety, access, connectivity, and longevity further demonstrating our community's commitment to the economic, environmental, health and social benefits of biking;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as National Bike Month in the Village of Downers Grove and I urge all residents to join in seeking opportunities to ride and to enjoy this special observance of biking in our Community.

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



Mayor