

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and,

WHEREAS, public works services include our water supply, public buildings, streets, sidewalks, traffic control signals, urban forest, fleet maintenance, storm water management and more and, as provided in the Village of Downers Grove, are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and,

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services is of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, quality of life, safety, comfort and well-being of the residents, businesses and guests of Downers Grove; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the hard work and dedicated efforts of public works professionals who are engineers, managers and technicians; and,

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, storm sewers, streets, transportation, and public buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff the Downers Grove Public Works Department is materially improved by a positive attitude toward, and understanding of, the importance of the work they perform; and,

WHEREAS, the 2026 National Public Works Association theme for Public Works Week, "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community", honors the professionals who manage, build, and maintain local infrastructure, including transportation, water, and waste services, making our communities safer, more vibrant, and better places to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2026, as PUBLIC WORKS WEEK in Downers Grove and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works personnel make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

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



Robert T. Barnett, Mayor