

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to face discrimination and mistreatment that no one should ever face; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove supports the rights of every individual to experience equality of treatment and freedom from discrimination, and;

WHEREAS, any discrimination based on history, gender, age, disability, race, religion, sexuality or social-economic status is antithetical to the values of our Nation, our State and our Village; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove believes in fairness and equality, and values our diverse population of both residents and businesses and their guests, recognizing that in such diversity lies one of our community's greatest strengths; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that in order to build upon this diversity, and maximize the potential for benefit to our community, it is essential that equality of opportunity and the absence of discrimination, be at the core of all the Village's policies, procedures and efforts; and,

WHEREAS, as long as the promise of equality for all remains unfulfilled for some Americans, all Americans are negatively affected; and,

WHEREAS, the intrinsic human dignity of each person must always be respected in word, in action and in law; and,

WHEREAS in Downers Grove, we strive to build and sustain a culture of hope, love, understanding, and respect of our common humanity;

Now, therefore, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of Downers Grove proclaim June 2026 as **Pride Month** in the Village of Downers Grove and I call upon the businesses and residents of Downers Grove to work together to uphold and protect equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; to encourage our residents to reflect on the premise that in America's diversity lies our greatest strength, to urge all residents and businesses to respect and honor our diverse community and, to continue to build and celebrate a culture of inclusiveness and belonging for all.

Dated this 2nd day of June 2026, at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Mayor