

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the noblest human concern is a concern for others, and that concern leads to the understanding, love, and respect that builds cohesive families and communities; and,

WHEREAS, acts of neighborliness are often simple gestures that help us be a good neighbor, lift up others, or make our community a place we love; and,

WHEREAS, these acts of kindness impact the giver, receiver and observer in often immeasurable positive ways; and,

WHEREAS, sense of community is strengthened and expressed in our neighborhoods, where we give each other the opportunity to share and feel we are part of a larger family; and,

WHEREAS, kindness and neighborliness are traits understood and appreciated across races, genders, generations and religions; and,

WHEREAS, On September 22, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed Proclamation 4601 establishing September 24, 1978, as National Good Neighbor Day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim September 28th, 2026 to be **GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY** in the Village of Downers Grove and urge all our citizens to pledge to be the "good neighbor", with the goal of becoming a more connected and caring community, to be the person who lives with kindness and concern for their neighbors, to take the first step by connecting with neighbors and introduce yourself, to practice the "good neighbor mindset" to make connections, offer invitations, to stay aware, to be available to neighbors, and to practice tolerance and listening, in an effort to understand each other better. Indeed good neighbors make great neighborhoods.

Dated this 15th day of September 2026 at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Mayor