PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, change is constant and dynamic growth and evolution are continuous forces shaping the vitality, character, and infrastructure of all municipalities; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans serve as indispensable tools creating a framework to navigate growth effectively, foster sustainable development and enhancing options for how residents live, work, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive community planning provides an opportunity for all residents and businesses to be meaningfully involved in the public discourse helping elected leaders make the choices that determine the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, achieving the full benefits of planning requires informed public officials and citizens who understand, engage, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States and its territories to highlight the transformative impact of professional planning on public health, economic prosperity, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by the professional community and regional planners of the Village of Downers Grove and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 as **COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH** in the Village of Downers Grove in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month, and urge all residents to recognize the essential contributions of professional planners to the sustained success of our community.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2026 at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Mayor