

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pharmacy is among the oldest health professions and is dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, the first observance of “National Pharmaceutical Week” was held October 11–17, 1925, during which radio stations throughout the country broadcast special programs highlighting the professional role of pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, American Pharmacists Month was established to provide greater opportunity to recognize and promote the expanding role of pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme “Caring for our Communities” reflects what has always been at the heart of the more than 335,000 licensed pharmacists in the United States who are there 365 days a year for our neighbors; administering vaccines and providing preventive care to help patients manage chronic conditions and better understand their medications, and help people live healthier lives every day; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists receive specialized education and possess extensive expertise in medication therapy, positioning them to collaborate effectively with patients and other members of the health care team to improve medication use and patient outcomes through services such as medication therapy management; and

WHEREAS, as the health care system evolves and the demands placed upon it increase, pharmacists continue to provide direct patient care and play a vital role in informing, supporting, and reassuring patients; and

WHEREAS, the American Pharmacists Association and the Illinois Pharmacists Association have designated October as American Pharmacists Month; and

WHEREAS, Midwestern University’s College of Pharmacy on its Downers Grove Campus graduates approximately 100 qualified pharmacists each year, who enter the health care system prepared to provide patient-centered care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as **AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH** in the Village of Downers Grove, and I encourage all residents to recognize the invaluable contributions of pharmacists, who provide safe, affordable, and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to our community, and to take a moment to thank their pharmacist.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2026, at Downers Grove, Illinois.

A blue ink handwritten signature, likely of Robert T. Barnett, the Mayor.

Mayor