

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020 and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Illinois declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 in response to the outbreak of COVID-19, and:

**WHEREAS**, I, Robert T. Barnett, proclaimed a State of Emergency in the Village of Downers Grove on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and;

**WHEREAS**, for the preservation of public health and safety throughout the entire State of Illinois, social distancing, which consists of maintaining at least a six-foot distance between people, remains the paramount strategy for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, and;

**WHEREAS**, under the Governor's Orders and as described by the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan, the Village of Downers Grove remains at this time and at least through the end of May, in Phase 2 requiring only essential gatherings of 10 or less and;

**WHEREAS**, Consolidated High School District 99 serves hundreds of families in our community and has made heroic adjustments to continue to serve our students and families through the unforeseen circumstances created by the COVID-19 crisis, and;

**WHEREAS**, District 99 will be graduating 1,211 students this year, and;

**WHEREAS**, but for the COVID-19 crisis and subsequent public health policies, District 99 graduations would have taken place on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, and;

**NOW**, I Robert T. Barnett, Mayor of Downers Grove, proclaim Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 as "Class of 2020 Day" in the Village of Downers Grove and encourage all parents, students and all residents of Downers Grove to;

1. Celebrate the achievements of our community seniors in accordance with the Restore Illinois Phase 2 State guidelines regarding social distancing and gatherings;

and;

2. To come together as a community while staying apart and give a "20-second cheer" at hour 20:20 – 8:20pm – on Friday May 22nd by honking horns, banging pots and pans or singing out loud in celebration in support of our graduates.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 at Downers Grove, Illinois.



Mayor