

**PROCLAMATION
GFWC GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK**

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is dedicated to strengthening communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, GFWC members have played an intricate role in advocating for the health and wellbeing of children since the early 1900's with prominent clubwomen such as Jane Adams and Julia Lathrop paving the way for the implementation of improved child labor and juvenile court laws, respectively; and

WHEREAS, GFWC members actively educate, advocate, and engage in projects concerning the wellbeing of children via health, social and safety programs, by working to ensure children are protected from harmful situations and encourage healthy physical and emotional lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Illinois Lombard Service League works diligently to enhance the lives of others, including student scholarships and literary contests for Lombard students, and during the fourth week of October, GFWC and its affiliated local clubs in Lombard stand for parents, grandparents, educators, community leaders and others, in recognizing the important role children play in our lives and raising awareness about issues that directly impact the lives of children everywhere; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith T. Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2013 as **GFWC General Federation of Women's Clubs Advocates for Children Week** in the Village of Lombard.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

