

**PROCLAMATION
PECK HOMESTEAD 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, on August 22, 1999, a joint Village of Lombard, Lombard Historical Commission and Lombard Historical Society community volunteer team restored and dedicated the home of Sheldon and Harriet Peck as a local history museum; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard expresses appreciation to Allen F. Mertz for his donation of the Peck-Mertz home to the Lombard Historical Society, plus Robert Mertz, Gene Mertz, Beverly Viscariello and their families, and other Peck descendants who continue to provide personal museum support, and the past and present Village of Lombard Village Board for land acquisition to maintain the current Homestead site; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard expresses appreciation to all of the volunteers who gave their time over the past 10 years to be docents, do research, garden, build or repair items, seek portraits, write media or web sites, install paver bricks, share pioneer life, demonstrate early crafts, raise funds or serve on the LHS Board of Management, whose gift of time, money and talent help make the Sheldon Peck Homestead a thriving museum for over 3,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard expresses appreciation to former and current Museum Directors Laura Casey, Joel Van Haften, Seleena Lanza and Jeanne Schultz Angel whose work to promote the history of this 1837 hand-built house as the oldest home in Lombard, the first school, an Underground Railroad site, pioneer farm and home of famous portrait artist Sheldon Peck add to our history; and

WHEREAS, the Sheldon Peck Homestead is the first Lombard local landmark recognized by the Lombard Historical Commission and Village of Lombard and now has been open to the public for 10 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 23, 2009 as **Sheldon Peck Homestead Day** in the Village of Lombard, a day to celebrate ten successful years of historic preservation and sharing local history with residents and visitors alike.

William J. Mueller
Village President

