

**PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2012**

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,640 people in the United States in 2010 and one home structure fire was reported every 85 seconds in 2010 - this according to the latest research from the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half and automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80%; and

WHEREAS, Lombard's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2012 theme, "HAVE 2 WAYS OUT!", effectively serves to remind us to have a home fire escape plan that prepares your family to think fast and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds. What if your first escape route is blocked by smoke or flames? That's why having two ways out is such a key part of your plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House on October 10, 2012 at Fire Station One at 50 E. St. Charles Road from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard does hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2012 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the Village of Lombard and urge all residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2012, and to support the activities and efforts of Lombard's fire and emergency services.

