

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT

- **WHEREAS**, the study of American heritage through music inspired by important moments in our nation's history is basic to a complete education and the future of our country and its citizens; and
- **WHEREAS,** school music education ensures that students learn to take pride in all for which our nation stands through the use of songs that teach the history and heritage of the United States; and
- **WHEREAS,** the study of music provides increased opportunities for valuable educational experiences, engages students in individual and group activities, develops creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard is concerned with maintaining and improving high quality school music programs for all students and teaching the importance of the historical events that created our great nation; and
- WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard recognizes and commends local music teachers, the National Association of Music Education (MENC), and the National Anthem Project for their commitment to enhancing the quality of music education in Lombard schools and their efforts to restore American heritage and promote the significance of the national anthem;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2005 as National Anthem Project Day in the Village of Lombard and endorse the National Anthem Project as an opportunity to support music education and promote American traditions, and encourage all residents to participate.

William J. Mueller Village President