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**PROCLAMATION
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and walking or bicycling to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

WHEREAS, driving students to school in private vehicles contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, parents and caregivers should teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders around the world will walk and bicycle to school on "International Walk to School Day", October 7, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2009 as **WALK TO SCHOOL DAY** in the Village of Lombard and encourage our children to walk or bicycle to school on that day and everyday.

William J. Mueller
Village President