

**PROCLAMATION
MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first officially observed on May 30, 1868 as "Decoration Day", a day to remember those who died in the Civil War, by decorating the graves of fallen service members; and

WHEREAS, now observed on the last Monday in May, Memorial Day has become a day to honor all men and women who have died while serving in our Armed Forces, and to remind us all that freedom exacts a heavy toll; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has lost sons and daughters fighting for Democracy; and

WHEREAS, in the War of 1812, the Civil War, two World Wars, Vietnam, the Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan, and far too many other conflicts, the military men and women have been called on to demonstrate their skill, courage, dedication and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, all residents of this great country have benefitted from the sacrifices of those who have fallen;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2009 as **Memorial Day** in the Village of Lombard and call upon all residents of the Village of Lombard to join me in honoring those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that we have the freedoms we now enjoy.

William J. Mueller
Village President

