

PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2004 as **Arbor Day** in Lombard and urge all residents to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's community forestry program. I further encourage residents to plant trees to gladden our hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

William J. Mueller
Village President

