

**PROCLAMATION
RED RIBBON WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to promote and encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; and

WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during "Red Ribbon Week", October 25-31; and

WHEREAS, drug-related problems continue to plague communities, and it is imperative that all segments of our community band together with coordinated efforts to educate students about the dangers of drugs in order to prevent their abuse; and

WHEREAS, business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, physicians, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard continues to demonstrate their commitment to a drug-free, healthy lifestyle and supports Red Ribbon Week by wearing and displaying red ribbons during that week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 25- 31, 2009 as **RED RIBBON WEEK** in the Village of Lombard and encourage all residents to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community.

William J. Mueller
Village President

