



**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the abuse of prescription medications is a growing public health concern;
and

WHEREAS, every day more than 2,500 teenagers abuse prescription medication for the
first time; and

WHEREAS, most teens obtain medications they take from friends and family; and

WHEREAS, many young people mistakenly think that it is safer to misuse prescription
medications than illegal street drugs; and

WHEREAS, parents often are unaware that young people are abusing prescription and
over-the-counter medications; and

WHEREAS, these medications have a legitimate medical use when used properly
under the doctor's supervision, but misuse of these medications can lead
to addiction, overdose and even death; and

WHEREAS, it is time for officials at the federal, state and local level to call attention to
this problem and help parents and families curb the abuse of prescription
medications;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Muller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby
proclaim September 2009 as **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH** in the
Village of Lombard and urge residents to properly dispose of medications
in the home in an effort to keep prescription drugs out of the hands of our
children.

William J. Mueller
Village President

