

PROCLAMATION
LOMBARD CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
TWENTY-FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Lombard Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is an all-volunteer association of residents and business owners that was founded in 1998 after hosting three Lombard Citizen Police Academy classes; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Dave Kundrot along with the Village's Marketing Manager Joely Kott, and members Joe Bartuch and Hunt Thomas helped create the Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, today there are over two-hundred members of the LCPAAA including Charter Members Betty Kramer, Richard "Mike" Mikulecky and Paul Mineo, and each year the number of members grows following the yearly Citizen Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, members of the LCPAAA have raised just short of \$173,000 and have donated \$129,000 back to the Lombard Police Department which does not include money the LCPAAA has raised for the Law Enforcement Torch Run events for Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, the LCPAAA has over the years donated multiple meals to the Lombard Police Department for officers working on shifts, and in 2023 donated six Appreciation Lunches for all shifts and staff; and

WHEREAS, over twenty-five years, the members of the Lombard Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association have volunteered at more than 569 events and devoted over 15,536 volunteer hours including the Lilac Parade, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Wire Watch Program, Shop With a Cop, Special Olympics Torch Run, Special Olympics Cop on Top, Ryder Cup, annual food drives, the Arts and Craft Fair, Cruise Nights and Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association has awarded thirty-five scholarships totaling more than \$40,000 for children of police officers and firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer and fundraising efforts of the Lombard Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association have benefitted the community and the Lombard Police Department beyond a value that can be measured;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith T. Giagnorio, Village President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2023 as **LOMBARD CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DAY** in the Village of Lombard as a way to honor those residents who devote so much of their time, energy and enthusiasm to supporting the Lombard Police Department, the community and the Village of Lombard.



Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

