



**PROCLAMATION
DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE**

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945 — six million were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and we should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Village of Lombard should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society, and the Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designated the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 15, through Sunday, April 22, 2012, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 19, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 15, through Sunday, April 22, 2012, as **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as residents of the Village of Lombard, work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

William J. Mueller
Village President

