



**PROCLAMATION  
ILLINOIS ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** the arts and humanities are the embodiment of all things beautiful and entertaining in the world – the enduring record of human achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** the arts and humanities enhance every aspect of life in Illinois – improving our economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children; and

**WHEREAS,** arts education research shows that the arts help to foster discipline, creativity, imagination, self-expression and problem-solving skills while also helping to develop a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

**WHEREAS,** we use the humanities – history, literature, philosophy – to explore what it means to be human; and

**WHEREAS,** the arts and humanities play a unique and intrinsically valuable role in the lives of our families, our communities and our state; and

**WHEREAS,** the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 2008 as **Illinois Arts and Humanities Month** in Lombard, call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our community and to specifically encourage greater participation by our residents by taking an active role in the arts and humanities in our community.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

