

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH 2008**

WHEREAS, this year nearly 182,460 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in the United States and approximately 40,480 women in the United States die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, one in eight women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time in their lives; and

WHEREAS, approximately 450 men in the United States will die from the disease this year; and

WHEREAS, every woman is at risk as nearly ninety percent of all women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history or known risk factors; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cause of non-inherited breast cancer and there is no prevention; and

WHEREAS, Caucasian women are more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women, however, African-American women are more likely to die of breast cancer than Caucasian women; and

WHEREAS, mammography does not prevent or cure breast cancer – it can only detect it earlier and earlier detection followed by treatment increases the odds of living longer; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer costs this country more than \$6 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity and costs families much more; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard do hereby proclamation October 2008 as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and call upon our residents to join in the quest to eradicate this devastating disease.

William J. Mueller
Village President

