

**PROCLAMATION  
PRAIRIE DAYS**

**WHEREAS,** the Lombard Park District began acquiring land for the Terrace View Pond at Greenfield and Elizabeth in the 1920's and after being delayed by the Great Depression, completed the purchase in 1947; and

**WHEREAS,** originally the area was called Babcock's Park, a name selected through a Park District sponsored contest, but was later changed to Terrace View in 1956; and

**WHEREAS,** land survey records from the 1800's indicate the area was wet and has been informally referred to as the Greenfield Slough by local residents; and

**WHEREAS,** after an episode of severe flooding in the area, a 13-acre pond was dug in 1972 as a joint project between the Village of Lombard and the Lombard Park District which resulted in increased storm water retention and a recreational fishing pond; and

**WHEREAS,** in the 1990's the Park District began wetland and prairie restoration of the area by discontinuing mowing in certain areas and planting deeply rooted native plants improving habitat for wildlife while discouraging the growing population of giant Canadian geese; and

**WHEREAS,** future plans include the creation of a woodland plant community and an oak savanna and the prairie will continue to grow as resources permit and as the restoration process continues and wildlife habitats improve, the area is expected to be a favorite stopping place for migrating water birds and warblers; and

**WHEREAS,** a Prairie Days Celebration will be held at the Terrace View Park at Elizabeth and Greenfield on Saturday, September 25 (rain date October 2) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with crafts, music, food, guided walks, information on ornamental uses of native plants and free seeds;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2004 as **Prairie Days** in the Village of Lombard and commend the efforts of the Lombard Garden Club in cooperation with the Lombard Park District on their efforts to return the tallgrass prairie to Lombard.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

