

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION
RECOVERY MONTH**

WHEREAS, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month is observed each September and this year's theme is "Join the Voices of Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery" and highlights the people for whom treatment and long-term recovery have given a renewed outlook on life and also celebrates those who have worked to advance the treatment and recovery landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Recovery Month observance, now in its 19th year, is designed to help people understand there is hope and that help for alcohol and drug use disorders is effective and available; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 22.6 million persons (9.2 percent of the population ages 12 and older) were classified with a serious substance abuse problem in the past year; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, 4.0 million persons aged 12 or older received some kind of treatment for their problem related to the use of alcohol or illicit drugs, but unfortunately there are millions more in need of treatment but who are either unable or unwilling to receive treatment for a variety of reasons; and

WHEREAS, SAMHSA, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is working to create a healthcare system that both embraces and understands the need for more drug and alcohol treatment centers; and

WHEREAS during the month of September, SAMHSA will host 50 community events to examine key treatment and recovery-related issues in local communities and will define specific objectives and action steps to broaden support and access for individuals in recovery; and

WHEREAS it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month** in the Village of Lombard and call upon the people of the Village of Lombard to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery".

William J. Mueller

