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**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity, and community livability; and

WHEREAS, cities and states, through their local and state arts agencies and representing thousands of cultural organizations, have celebrated the value and importance of culture in the lives of Americans and the health of thriving communities during National Arts and Humanities Month for several years; and

WHEREAS, in Illinois, art organizations, schools, park districts, libraries, museums, historic sites, Interstate Tourist Information Centers and more will be participating in this celebration of the arts and humanities; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Village residents to discover a world of creativity, excitement and fun in the arts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **National Arts and Humanities Month** and the week of October 3-9, 2004 as **Illinois Arts Week** in the Village and encourage our residents to participate in "the arts all around us", which capture an important message that the arts are present every day in our lives.

William J. Mueller
Village President