

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING GARELD L. BIRD**

WHEREAS, Gary Bird and his wife Victoria were residents of the Village of Lombard for over forty years and raised their children Richard and Barbara here in the Village of Lombard; and

WHEREAS, Gary Bird was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps having served during World War II in the Pacific, Air Offensive Japan with the 41st Photo Recon Squadron and recently embarked on the Honor Flight Chicago and traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit the Veteran's Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Gary Bird was an active member of the community and served on the Village Board as Trustee from 1991 to 1995 as well as serving on various Village boards, commissions and committees; and

WHEREAS, Gary Bird was also active in the Historical Society, the Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lombard Jaycees and the YMCA; and

WHEREAS, Gary Bird willingly gave of his time to the St. Vincent de Paul Society helping those in need, and was a long-time member and usher at Sacred Heart Church; and

WHEREAS, Gary Bird was a past Jaycees Man of the Year and was the 1996 Lilac Parade Grand Marshal;

WHEREAS, Gary Bird was a loving husband, devoted father, cherished grandfather, a leader, loyal confidante and valued friend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Ware, Acting President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby urge all residents to remember Gerald L. Bird and the many contributions he has made to our community.

William Ware
Acting Village President

