

**PROCLAMATION
LOMBARD HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the residents of the Village of Lombard have great respect and pride in their community's heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Historical Society was formed in 1970 to be the keepers of the history of the Village of Lombard, and serves to collect, preserve, interpret and present the information and objects concerning the Village of Lombard; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Village of Lombard, a group of dedicated volunteers and professional historians researched, renovated and restored an 1882 residence at 23 West Maple Street creating the Lombard Historical Museum, and this Museum opened to the public in October of 1972 as the Victorian Cottage on Maple Street, and remains to this day a place for visitors to enjoy a look into Lombard's past and life in the Victorian Era; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Village of Lombard, a group of dedicated volunteers and professional historians researched, renovated and restored the home of folk artist and abolitionist Sheldon Peck and obtained site recognition on the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Village of Lombard, the Lombard Park District, the Lombard Historical Commission, the Lombard Historical Society, the Lombard Garden Club, the VFW Lilac Post, and the dedicated local citizens formed a committee to research and restore the historic Lombard Cemetery making it a source of community pride; and

WHEREAS, in October 2013, the Lombard Historical Society will celebrate the 41st year of the Lombard Historical Museum and celebrates its continued support of its members, volunteers and the Village of Lombard and all Lombardians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith T. Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as **LOMBARD HISTORY MONTH** in the Village and call upon our residents to celebrate Lombard's unique heritage this month with a visit to the Museum and Peck House and to participate in appropriate programs, activities and events supporting the preservation of the history of Lombard.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

