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**PROCLAMATION
LOMBARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** the Lombard Chamber of Commerce works with the businesses, merchants, and industry to advance the civic, economic, industrial, professional and cultural life of the Village of Lombard; and
- WHEREAS,** Chambers of Commerce have contributed to the civic and economic life of Illinois for 165 years since the founding of the Galena Chamber of Commerce in 1838; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lombard Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 50 years of service to the community; and
- WHEREAS,** this year marks the 84th anniversary of the founding of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, the state's leading broad based business organization; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chamber of Commerce and its members provide citizens with a strong business environment that increases employment, the retail trade and commerce, and industrial growth in order to help make the Village of Lombard a better place to live; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Illinois is the home to international Chambers of Commerce, the Great Lakes Region Office of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and more than 350 local Chamber of Commerce; and
- WHEREAS,** this year marks the 88th anniversary of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, a career development organization for the Chamber of Commerce professionals;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 13 through September 17, 2004 as **LOMBARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK** and urge all of our residents to join with the Chamber in this observance.

William J. Mueller
Village President