

**PROCLAMATION
CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**

WHEREAS, smoke alarms are present in 96% of American homes of which 20% do not work because of dead or missing batteries preventing the United States from achieving the full potential of increased fire safety from smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms are still missing in 4% of U.S. homes and this group accounts for 39% of reported fires and nearly half of all the reported home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, if a fire occurs, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half by providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape;

WHEREAS, smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, national fire safety standards recommend a minimum of one smoke alarm on each level of a home, one inside each bedroom and one outside each sleeping area; and

WHEREAS, "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" is a national home fire safety program which urges Americans to change smoke alarm batteries when changing their clocks back to standard time each fall; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lombard Fire Department are dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lombard Fire Department are joined by other concerned residents, businesses, schools, service clubs, churches and organizations in their fire safety efforts;

NOW THEREFORE I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 1, 2009 as **CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY DAY** in the Village of Lombard and call upon all residents to participate in "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" Day to ensure their safety and the safety of their families in the event of a fire.

William J. Mueller
Village President

