

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

WHEREAS, “Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care” is the theme for the 36th annual Volunteer Week; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer is someone that performs charitable or helpful tasks without pay; and

WHEREAS, from the earliest days of our nation’s history, the spirit of volunteerism has been reflected in neighbors helping neighbors to overcome obstacles; and

WHEREAS, the basis for a safe and productive America is the people’s willingness to work together, without prejudice, to find solutions to our human and social problems; and

WHEREAS, the talents and energies of American volunteers continue to be one of our greatest resources; and

WHEREAS, volunteering renews our connections to our community, and builds self worth, character, and social responsibility in our children; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Illinois’ citizens honor those that donate their time, energy, and strength to make our communities and our nation, a safer and more productive place to live and work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim April 19 – 25, 2009 as **National Volunteer Week** in the Village of Lombard and encourage all residents to recognize those that serve as volunteers in our communities and find the time in their own lives for volunteer work.

William J. Mueller
Village President

