

PROCLAMATION

CROP WALK DAY

WHEREAS, at the end of World War II many people wanted to share our country's abundance with European war victims, Church World Service and CROP's first purpose was to gather wheat and other crops from U.S. farms for shipment to Europe; and

WHEREAS, today locally-organized, Church World Service-sponsored CROP Walks are an important part of community life for more than 2,000 towns and cities in the United States, bringing together people of different faiths, diverse cultures and all age groups; and

WHEREAS, in the last 15 years alone, CROP Walks have raised over \$200 million to bring help and hope to people in need in more than 80 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year CROP Walks help more than 3,200 local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites in the United States provide food to neighbors in need, including DuPage PADS overnight homeless shelters at Congregation Etz Chaim, at First Church of Lombard, and at Peace Lutheran Church of Lombard, the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry at First United Methodist Church of Lombard, and the Outreach House at First Church of Lombard; and

WHEREAS, the Great Prairie Trail CROP Walk will be held on October 22nd to help our community become aware of and concerned about hunger and its causes; and

WHEREAS, this local CROP Walk will raise funds to help stop hunger both locally and globally;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, proclaim Sunday, October 22, 2006 as **CROP WALK DAY** in the Village of Lombard and urge the citizens of Lombard to support this CROP Walk.

William J. Mueller
Village President

