

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

**WHEREAS,** such confidence is achieved through the work of vigilant guardians - building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople and others in the construction industry - who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS,** these guardians work together to create and implement the highest-quality codes, and

**WHEREAS,** Building Safety Month, sponsored by the International Code Council, reminds the public about the critical role of our community's largely unknown guardians of public safety - our local code officials - who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS,** Building Safety Month, encourages everyone to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient building construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation; backyard safety; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month encourages steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes; and

**WHEREAS,** in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local building officials and fire prevention bureaus in protecting lives and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Keith T. Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014 as **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH** in the Village of Lombard bringing awareness of building safety to our residents.

Keith T. Giagnorio Village President