

**PROCLAMATION  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** emergency medical professionals and volunteers provide medical care to victims of sudden, life-threatening injuries and illnesses, often under stressful conditions and in high-risk situations, to save lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Lombard residents and visitors benefit daily from the knowledge, skill and judgment of paramedics, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency physicians, emergency nurses and others who encompass the emergency medical service system; and

**WHEREAS,** emergency medical personnel must rapidly assess, manage and effectively provide care in unpredictable situations requiring life and death judgments; and

**WHEREAS,** Lombard's EMS teams unselfishly serve on the front line of health care when responding to man-made and natural disasters, at the local, state and national levels; and

**WHEREAS,** it is critical that the general public be made aware of, understand, support and effectively use its local emergency medical services system; and

**WHEREAS,** recognition is due for the emergency medical services system for its accomplishments and contributions to improve public welfare through health care, medical transportation, injury prevention, education, disaster response, homeland security and other initiatives that reduce health care costs and save lives;

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, Village President, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2009 as **Emergency Medical Services Week** with this year's theme "EMS: A Proud Partner in Your Community" and encourage the residents of the Village of Lombard to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

William J. Mueller  
Village President

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