

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** the nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nations largest health care profession; and
- WHEREAS,** the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and
- WHEREAS,** a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and
- WHEREAS,** professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and
- WHEREAS,** the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and
- WHEREAS,** more qualified nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and
- WHEREAS,** the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, along with the American Nurses Association proclaim May 6-12, 2007 as **National Nurses Week** with the theme "Nursing: A Profession and a Passion" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system; and I urge all residents to join in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us and recognize the accomplishments and efforts of nurses to improve our health care system and ask residents to not only show appreciation for the nation's registered nurses during Nurses Week, but throughout the year.

William J. Mueller
Village President

