

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING
PREVENTION MONTH
DECEMBER 2009**

WHEREAS, driving under the influence of alcohol and other mind-altering drugs is a grave problem that destroys individual lives, rips families apart, and stains local communities; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes killed 1,042 people in Illinois during 2008; and

WHEREAS, 362 of those deaths involved a driver impaired by alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the December holiday season is traditionally one of the most deadly times of the year for impaired driving; and

WHEREAS for thousands of families across the state and the nation, these holidays are a sad time to remember loves ones they lost to impaired drivers during previous holiday seasons or other times throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, organizations across the state and the nation have joined together with the "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" and other campaigns that foster public awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and anti-impaired driving law enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is proud to partner with cities, towns and villages and other traffic-safety groups in an effort to make our roads and streets safer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Muller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim December 2009 as **Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month** in the Village of Lombard and do hereby call upon all residents, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals and health care providers, schools and public and private institutions to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, and to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs this December holiday season and throughout the year.

William J. Mueller
Village President

