

**PROCLAMATION
JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, jazz is an original American art form that affirms the noblest aspirations of our national character, individual discipline, perseverance and innovation; and

WHEREAS, jazz has produced some of America's leading creative artists and ranks as one of America's greatest exports to the world; and

WHEREAS, jazz has inspired dancers, choreographers, poets, novelists, filmmakers, classical composers, and musicians in many other kinds of music; and

WHEREAS, The United States Conference of Mayors members will participate in Jazz Appreciation Month this April; and

WHEREAS, jazz has spoken eloquently of freedom for people in the United State and abroad, and has become an international language that bridges differences and brings people of all races, ages, and backgrounds together; and

WHEREAS, we honor and recognize the outstanding work that all jazz artists, educators, and enthusiasts present;

WHEREAS, the month of April 2009 has been designated as Jazz Appreciation Month;

WHEREAS, The United States Conference of Mayors urges mayors to build partnerships with their local jazz society and other members of the arts and music community in their cities and villages and to participate in and to celebrate the month of April as Jazz Appreciation Month;

NOW THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2009 as **Jazz Appreciation Month** throughout the Village of Lombard.

William J. Mueller
Village President

