

**PROCLAMATION
SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS; each year Lombardians face the threat of severe weather events such as lightning, thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, hailstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes, all potentially dangerous to life, health and property; and

WHEREAS; urbanization and continued population growth increase the potential for these storms to cause death, destruction, weather-related injuries and substantial property damage; and

WHEREAS; it is vital that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all Lombard residents; and

WHEREAS; departments and agencies of the local, state and federal governments, along with volunteer and professional associations, elected leaders and news media, are committed to informing citizens about safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so that they may better protect themselves, their families and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS; the Village of Lombard is launching Ready Campaign (www.ready.gov) a public awareness campaign to help Lombard residents understand the importance of emergency preparedness and provide them with the tools necessary to be prepared in the event of a weather-related or other emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the week of March 2-8, 2014 as **SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK** in Lombard, and encourage our residents to become more aware of severe weather safety measures and to participate in the various awareness programs during this week.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

