

**PROCLAMATION  
ARBOR DAY**

**WHEREAS,** In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, countless other wood products; and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2009 as **Arbor Day** in Lombard and urge all residents to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's community forestry program. I further encourage residents to plant trees to gladden our hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

