

- **WHEREAS,** safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of the Village of Lombard and the State of Illinois; and
- **WHEREAS,** the great State of Illinois is proud to be a national leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness; and
- **WHEREAS,** motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation that reduce fuel consumption and road wear, and contribute in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and
- **WHEREAS,** it is especially meaningful that the residents of the Village and State be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and
- **WHEREAS,** the members of the A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., continually promote motorcycle safety, education and awareness in high school drivers' education programs and to the general public in our Village and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 100,000 participants in Illinois in the past four years; and
- **WHEREAS,** all motorcyclists should join A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. in actively promoting the safe operation of motorcycles as well as promoting motorcycle safety, education, awareness and respect of the residents of our Village and State; and
- **WHEREAS,** the motorcyclists of Illinois have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations; and
- **WHEREAS,** during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the Village and throughout the great State of Illinois;
- NOW THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2011 as MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in the Village of Lombard in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the efforts of A.B.A.T.E of Illinois, Inc. and the over 615.000 registered motorcyclists statewide and in recognition of the continued role the Village and State serve as leaders in motorcycle safety, education and awareness.

William J. Mueller Village President