

**PROCLAMATION
EARTH HOUR - 2017**

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard recognizes that local governments play a leading role in environmental policy and awareness, and the Village has participated in Earth Hour since 2008; and

WHEREAS, last year over 7,000 communities in more than 170 countries participated in Earth Hour, a one-hour period when lights are turned off to conserve electricity for energy and environmental awareness, and to reduce power plant emissions of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark Sky Association reports that light pollution from fixtures that upright above the United States annually wastes \$3 billion in energy, interrupts biorhythms, and eliminates stargazing; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Public Works and Environmental Concerns Committee discusses environmental policy issues and recommends that the Village of Lombard continue to participate in Earth Hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2017 as **Earth Hour Day** in the Village of Lombard, encourage residents to participate in Earth Hour from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Saturday, March 25th, and to discuss the importance of energy conservation and light pollution with their families.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

