

**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,** art education and an appreciation for the contributions of all American art forms is fundamental to the people of the Village of Lombard; and
- WHEREAS,** America's jazz heritage deserves to be appreciated as broadly as possible and should be part of education in both America's children and adults; 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 in the Village of Lombard present;
- NOW THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2008 as **Jazz Appreciation Month** throughout the Village of Lombard.

William J. Mueller
Village President

