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**PROCLAMATION
PRAIRIE DAYS**

WHEREAS, the Lombard Park District began acquiring land for the Terrace View Pond at Greenfield and Elizabeth in the 1920's and after being delayed by the Great Depression, completed the purchase in 1947; and

WHEREAS, originally the area was called Babcock's Park, a name selected through a Park District sponsored contest, but was later changed to Terrace View in 1956; and

WHEREAS, land survey records from the 1800's indicate the area was wet and has been informally referred to as the Greenfield Slough by local residents; and

WHEREAS, after an episode of severe flooding in the area, a 13-acre pond was dug in 1972 as a joint project between the Village of Lombard and the Lombard Park District which resulted in increased storm water retention and a recreational fishing pond; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990's the Park District began wetland and prairie restoration of the area by discontinuing mowing in certain areas and planting deeply rooted native plants improving habitat for wildlife while discouraging the growing population of giant Canadian geese; and

WHEREAS, the third full week of September is Illinois Prairie Week, and the Lombard Garden Club, Lombard Park District and Lombard Historical Society are celebrating this event on Sunday, September 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Terrace view Park at Elizabeth and Greenfield where there will be crafts, music, food, activities and demonstrations for the whole family to enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2006 as **Prairie Days** in the Village of Lombard and commend the efforts of the Lombard Garden Club in cooperation with the Lombard Park District on their efforts to return the tallgrass prairie to Lombard.

William J. Mueller
Village President