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**PROCLAMATION  
LOMBARD PARK DISTRICT GOLD MEDAL AWARD**

**WHEREAS,** on October 14, 2009 the Lombard Park District was awarded the Gold Medal in the Field of Park and Recreation Management which was presented by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lombard Park District was judged on several criteria including long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition, the applicants were also judged on the ability to address the needs of those it serves through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials and staff commitment to serving the community outside of the Park District realm, such as with membership in local service organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lombard Park District Board, staff and employees have been dedicated to serving the residents by providing a wide range of activities and programs at all its numerous parks and facilities for all ages including special needs residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lombard Park District, despite the rough economy, recruited the support of the community by passing a \$5.9 million referendum that funded the Paradise Bay Water Park which opened this summer; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lombard Pak District is committed to serving the needs of the community; will continue to be fiscally responsible, will continue to plan long-term, will take care of their assets including the 456 acres of open green space, as well as their various buildings and amenities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lombard Park District is to be commended for all of its hard work, dedication and commitment to the residents and the achievement of being honored as the Gold Medal Award Recipient in the Class IV of all of the communities throughout the entire United States of America;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2009 as **LOMBARD PARK DISTRICT GOLD MEDAL AWARD RECIPIENT DAY** in the community in celebration of this most prestigious award and in honor of one of the greatest Park Districts in the United States of America.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President