

**PROCLAMATION
LILAC TIME IN LOMBARD**

- WHEREAS,** May 4 through May 20, 2018 has been established as the time for the Lilac Festival activities in Lombard; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lombard Park District is looking forward to another outstanding festival this year, one which does justice to the rich horticultural tradition of the Village of Lombard and which entertains and delights both residents and visitors alike; and
- WHEREAS,** following the death of Colonel Plum in 1927, his estate was bequeathed to the Village as a park and his home given to be used as a free public library and reading rooms now known as Lilacia Park and the Helen Plum Memorial Library; and
- WHEREAS,** Lilacia Park is home to 700 lilacs and 25,000 blooms of tulips and other flowers; and
- WHEREAS,** in March 2013, the Board of Directors of the International Lilac Society voted to proclaim the month of May as International Lilac Month and urges everyone to visit botanical gardens, arboreta, parks and private gardens and enjoy the beauty and perfume of lilacs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard is proud to be the home of the Lilac Festival this year and every year; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lilac Princesses represent the Village during Lilac Time and the year which follows, and the Lilac Queen and her Court are a very important part of the entire Lilac Festival and we are proud of Lilac Princesses Chiara Biddle, Betty-Ann Garrett, Kathleen Gomez, Madeline Novak, Elizabeth Reiter; and
- WHEREAS,** this year marks the celebration of the 64th Lilac Parade and the 88th Lilac Festival in Lombard;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim May 4th through May 20th, 2018 as **LILAC TIME IN LOMBARD** and urge residents to take part in this year's Lilac Time celebration and activities.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

