PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2006

WHEREAS, the Lombard Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public-safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has documented through its research that cooking is the leading cause of home fires, and in the United States, one out of three home fires begins in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Fire Department has documented, through the National Fire Information Reporting System, that the kitchen is the most common place fires start in homes; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Fire Department's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home-fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Lombard residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire; and

WHEREAS, using proper care when cooking will have a positive effect on the home fire problem; and

WHEREAS, each cooking fire that is prevented in Lombard is an opportunity to prevent painful injury and costly property damage; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat," effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Fire Department encourages the citizens of Lombard to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2006, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Lombard Fire Department fire and emergency services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Muller, President of the Village of Lombard do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2006, as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD.**

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William J. Mueller
Village President