PROCLAMATION					
RECOGNITION OF DR. GARY M. SMIT					

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to recognize Dr. Gary M. Smit for his ten years of leadership, service and commitment to the children of Lombard Elementary School District 44: and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smit's has served the community in the capacity of Superintendent of School District #44; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smit coordinated school and community efforts to bring Character Counts! To Lombard; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smit fostered the initiation of a Quality Management System and each year sponsored forums for input from students, staff, parents and community members; and

WHERAS, Dr. Smit organized a Key Partner Network of over 200 parents and community leaders to ensure that School District #44 students received a quality educational experience; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith helped to form and is the current chair of the Youth Services
Coalition which coordinates efforts to benefit children throughout Lombard,
Villa Park and OakBrook Terrace;

WHEREAS, Dr. Snit will retire as Superintendent of School District #44 effective June 30, 2004;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby extend a sincere thank you and convey best wishes on behalf of the Lombard community to Dr. Smit as he concludes this chapter of his life-long pursuit of educational excellence and I hereby proclaim June 30, 2004 as Dr. Gary M. Smit Day in Lombard.

William J. Mueller

William J. Mueller Village President