

**PROCLAMATION
LOMBARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Lombard Chamber of Commerce works with the businesses, merchants and industry to advance the civic, economic, industrial, professional and cultural life of the Village of Lombard; and

WHEREAS, Chambers of Commerce have contributed to the civic and economic life of Illinois for 169 years since the founding of the Galena Chamber of Commerce in 1838; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 55 years of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 88th anniversary of the founding of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, the state's leading broad-based business organization; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 93rd anniversary of the Illinois Association of the Chamber of Commerce Executives (IACCE), a career development organization for chamber professionals; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is the home to international chambers of commerce, the Great Office of the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and more than 456 local chambers of commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce and its members provide citizens with a strong business environment that increases employment, the retail trade and commerce, and industrial growth in order to help make the Village of Lombard a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce encourages the growth of existing industries, services, and commercial firms and encourages new firms and individuals to locate in the Village of Lombard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 8 through September 12, 2008 as **LOMBARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK** and urge all of our residents to join with the Chamber in this observance.

William J. Mueller
Village President

