PROCLAMATION CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS MONTH

- WHEREAS, quality health care is vital for individuals involved in physical activity; and
- **WHEREAS,** certified athletic trainers (ATC's) have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity based on specific tasks, knowledge and skills acquired through their nationally regulated educational processes; and
- **WHEREAS**, certified athletic trainers provide prevention of injuries; recognition, evaluation and aggressive treatment; rehabilitation; health care administration; and education and guidance; and
- **WHEREAS**, athletic training was recognized by the American Medical Association in 1990 as an allied health care profession; and
- **WHEREAS,** the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports the more than 33,000 members of the athletic training profession employed in professional sports, colleges and universities, high schools, clinics and hospitals, corporate and industrial settings and military branches; and
- WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have joined together in a common desire to raise public awareness of the importance of the athletic training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity within the aforementioned settings; and
- **WHEREAS**, such an effort will improve care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity and promote ATC's as allied health professionals;
- **NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2008 as **National Athletic Training Month** in the Village of Lombard and urge all residents to learn more about the importance of athletic training.

William J. Mueller Village President