

**PROCLAMATION
LOMBARD FIRE DEPARTMENT
MDA FILL THE BOOT DAYS**

- WHEREAS,** Muscular Dystrophy refers to a group of more than 40 neuromuscular diseases that cause generalized weakness and muscle wasting; and
- WHEREAS,** two of the most common neuromuscular diseases include Duchene's muscular dystrophy, a disease found in children that progresses slowly, with survival rare beyond their late twenties, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) a disorder that progresses rapidly in adults; and
- WHEREAS,** the Muscular Dystrophy Association is a dedicated partnership of scientists and citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases and MDA is one of the world's leading national health agencies with seventy-five percent of every dollar raised fostering research, patient care and education; and.
- WHEREAS,** members of the Lombard Fire Department and Lombard Fire Fighters' Union Local 3009 serve and protect the community every day and have become a symbol of pride, honor and strength; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the Lombard Fire Department and Lombard Fire Fighters' Union Local 3009 unselfishly donate their time and energy to supporting the battle against Muscular Dystrophy, and
- WHEREAS,** firefighters across the nation are the largest non-for-profit contributor in the United States to the Muscular Dystrophy Association with proceeds providing comprehensive medical services to tens-of-thousands of adults and children with neuromuscular diseases and contributes to research for treatments and cures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, proclaim July 17th, July 24th and July 31st, 2009 as **Lombard Fire Department MDA Fill the Boot Days** and encourage everyone to help fight Muscular Dystrophy by helping to the fill the boots of the firefighters standing at intersections throughout our community on those days.

William J. Mueller
Village President

