

**PROCLAMATION**

**BURN AWARENESS WEEK  
PREVENTING GASOLINE BURNS**

**WHEREAS**, severe burn injuries are the leading cause of deaths and injuries in North America, especially among young children: and

**WHEREAS**, every year more than two million people suffer burn injuries of some kind, and more than one of every three burn victims are children: and

**WHEREAS**, burns caused by the misuse and inappropriate storage of gasoline causes thousands of burn injuries each year;

**WHEREAS**, young males ages 10 – 14 represent the highest risk group among children for gasoline related burns; and

**WHEREAS**, Shriners International operate four Shriners Hospitals for Children that specialize in providing expert, innovative pediatric care at no charge to children with burn injuries of all degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, Shriners International and Shriners Hospital for Children join with other burn facilities across the nation and the Lombard Fire Department in recognizing the seriousness of this hazard and the urgent need to educate the public about burn prevention and fire safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of the Shriners International, along with local fire departments and to commend them for their continued support and care for young burn victims; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I William J. Mueller President of the Village of Lombard do hereby proclaim the week of February 3 – 9, 2008, as **BURN AWARENESS WEEK** in the Village of Lombard, Illinois, and do encourage all resident to take appropriate precautions to protect their families from devastating burn injuries.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

