PROCLAMATION RED RIBBON WEEK WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to promote and encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts; and WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages; and **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; and WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during "Red Ribbon Week", October 21-29, 2006; and WHEREAS, drug-related problems continue to plague communities, and it is imperative that all segments of our community band together with coordinated efforts to educate students about the dangers of drugs in order to prevent their abuse. WHEREAS, business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, physicians, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week long campaign; and WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard continues to demonstrate their commitment to a drug-free, healthy lifestyle and supports Red Ribbon Week by wearing and displaying red ribbons during that week; and **NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 21-29, 2006 as Red Ribbon Week in the Village of Lombard and encourage all citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community. Village President