

**PROCLAMATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** local government is the branch of government which is the closest to the people;
and
- WHEREAS,** Illinois has more local governments than any other state, 6,700 local governments, an estimated 70,000 elected officials, and 100,000 appointed officials, providing critical services to the citizens of the State of Illinois and our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** citizens do not have a clear understanding of the functions of local governments;
and
- WHEREAS,** the Partnership for Local Government Education is a collaboration formed to increase interest and involvement in local government in the State of Illinois; and
- WHEREAS,** the Partnership for Local Government Education is composed of the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners, the Illinois Municipal League, the Township Officials of Illinois, and the University of Illinois Extension;
and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the Partnership is to further the understanding of the role that local government plays in individual lives and collectively, and appreciate the many services that the various forms of local governments provide their constituents; and
- WHEREAS,** the Partnership first celebrated "LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK" in 2007 to focus attention on the need for strong, independent and active local government in this State and recognizes the valuable contributions made by citizens serving their communities in public office; and
- WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard under the leadership of Village President William J. Mueller, Village Clerk Brigitte O'Brien, Trustees Greg Gron, Dick Tross, Jack O'Brien, Dana Moreau, Laura Fitzpatrick and Rick Soderstrom and over 100 residents who serve on various Boards, Committees and Commissions with their time and talent;
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED** that Village President William J. Mueller does hereby proclaim March 2 - 8, 2008 as "**LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK**" in the Village of Lombard, Illinois.

William J. Mueller
Village President

