

**PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2010**

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk to fire and nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and

WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in which no smoke alarms or non-working smoke alarms were present and working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and

WHEREAS, informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and

WHEREAS, Lombard's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

WHEREAS, Lombard's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2010, October 3-9 theme, "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" actively works to motivate Lombard residents to implement smoke alarm recommendations in their homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2010 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the Village of Lombard and urge all residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2010, and to support the many activities and efforts of Lombard's fire and emergency services.

William J. Mueller
Village President

