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**PROCLAMATION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN  
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

**WHEREAS,** this year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> running of the Law Enforcement Torch Run which began in Illinois in 1986 and is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting the Special Olympics Illinois organization, a nonprofit organization providing year-round sports training and competition to nearly 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS,** the goals of the annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects are to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois raising more than \$9 million in 19 years while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement across the state from local police officers to FBI agents will carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different routes to its final destination – the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games on June 17 in Normal; and

**WHEREAS,** Illinois is racing to be the first Law Enforcement Torch Run program in the world to reach the \$2 million mark for fundraising and the officers of the Lombard Police Department are involved in the fundraising efforts for this program; and

**WHEREAS,** residents may contact the Lombard Police Department to make a contribution or purchase t-shirts, hats or raffle tickets by calling 873-4400;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim June 12 – 17, 2005 as **Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois Week** and encourage all residents to support the Lombard Police Department in their fundraising efforts for Special Olympics by making a donation.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President