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**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.2 billion in total economic activity annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5.7 million jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard hereby proclaim October 2009 as **NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH** in the Village of Lombard and call upon our residents to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and to specifically encourage the greater participation by those said residents in taking action for the arts and humanities in our Village..

William J. Mueller
Village President