

**PROCLAMATION
HEALTHY LOMBARD**

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control, we have a modern epidemic that is undermining the futures of millions of kids and is costing the American economy \$147 billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, according to the DuPage Medical Group Body Mass Index (BMI) recorded during a Quality Improvement initiative conducted during school physicals and well child visits to determine the prevalence of obesity among the pediatric population, it was found that one quarter (24%) of children measured in 2008 were overweight and obese; and

WHEREAS, chronic health conditions such as: heart disease, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, certain cancers, and arthritis are a result of the complications of obesity; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard, the Kiwanis Club of Lombard, Lombard Lions Club, Lombard Rotary, Best Buy, Operation Pull Your Own Weight, Lombard Park District, Lombard Elementary School District 44, Tri-Town YMCA, the DuPage County Health Department, Elmhurst Hospital, and Harris Bank have joined together to address the need to provide our community with healthy living alternatives under the umbrella of the name "Healthy Lombard" as a way to utilize the knowledge and resources of the concerned organizations in the Village of Lombard to promote healthy eating and active living for our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Muller, President of the Village of Lombard, as part of promoting a Healthy Lombard do hereby officially welcome this initiative to our Village; invite other concerned organizations to become members; invite the members of our community to get involved; and finally recognize the Healthy Lombard model as a blueprint for other villages and towns to follow in order to make a difference in the health of future generations.

William J. Mueller
Village President

