

**PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2005**

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

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has documented through its research a significant increase in home candle fires, even as most other causes of home fires have steadily declined; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Lombard residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire; and

WHEREAS, using proper care with candles will have a positive effect on the home fire problem; and

WHEREAS, each candle fire that is prevented in Lombard is an opportunity to prevent painful injury and costly property damage; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Use Candles with Care: When You Go Out, Blow Out!", effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9 – 15, 2005 as **Fire Prevention Week** throughout the Village, and I urge all residents of Lombard to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2005 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Lombard's fire and emergency services.

William J. Mueller
Village President

