

**PROCLAMATION
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Lombard is a community of compassion and dedicated to being a wonderful place to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, every family faces challenges that require faith, love and hope; and

WHEREAS, as Autism affects 1 million Americans including some of our own Lombard families; and

WHEREAS, as it is known that with proper education, training and community living options, individuals with Autism can lead distinguished, productive lives in their communities and strive to reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, as Autism is one of the fastest-growing developmental disabilities in the world; and

WHEREAS, as the annual costs of such disabilities grow to the billions of dollars, and yet service options lag the needs of those impacted; and

WHEREAS, as our community supports increasing awareness of this challenging disability and fair funding for research and services for those in need; and

WHEREAS, as we as a community seek compassion for those families facing this challenge; and

WHEREAS, as Lombard would like to commend Robert & Sandy Waters of Park Ridge, Illinois on their radio show "The Candy Store" that airs on Autism One Radio named after their beautiful 6-year-old red-headed daughter Candace who has Autism; and

WHEREAS, as they bring vital and important information to the community and other parents who have a child with Autism and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, as we would like to further honor Robert & Sandy Waters for writing a song titled "Faith, Love and Hope" for their daughter Candace which has increased Autism awareness and compassion around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of December as **Autism Awareness Month** in Lombard in honor of Candace Waters and all who are affected with Autism.

William J. Mueller
Village President

