

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, in the 45 years since the first National Poison Prevention Week was proclaimed by President John F. Kennedy, many lives have been saved from unintentional poisoning through awareness efforts across our country. This week, we reaffirm our commitment to the safety of our fellow citizens and to guarding against accidental poisonings; and

WHEREAS, protecting our children is a solemn and special responsibility, and we must all continue to work to reduce the number of poison-related injuries and deaths. I encourage parents to make homes safer by keeping toxic substances sealed and out of reach and by carefully reading the labels on medicines before giving them to children and on household products before using them around children; and

WHEREAS, if a poisoning is suspected, citizens can reach Help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling 9-1-1. This number should be called immediately at the first sign of a suspected poison emergency. The Poison Prevention Week Council website, poisonprevention.org, can provide additional information about poison prevention. By staying informed, being proactive, and remaining vigilant, we can avoid poison exposure and save more lives; and

WHEREAS, to encourage Lombardians to learn more about the dangers of accidental poisonings and take appropriate preventive measures,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim March 15 through March 21, 2009, as **National Poison Prevention Week** and call upon all Lombard residents to participate in appropriate activities this week and to learn how to prevent poisonings, especially among children.

William J. Mueller
Village President

