PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL CAMPUS SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, recent student-related housing fires in South Carolina, North Carolina, Wisconsin, New York, and Pennsylvania and other schools have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our nation and since January 2000, at least 129 people including students, parents and children have died in student housing fires; and

WHEREAS, over 80% of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies and a majority of the students across the nation live in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants and it is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems provide the necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and

WHEREAS, many students are living in off-campus occupancies, Greek housing and residence halls that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property and students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to educate the future generation of our nation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond and by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2009 **CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH** in the Village of Lombard. .

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William J. Mueller
Village President