

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 73 sworn members of the Lombard Police Department;

WHEREAS, some 58,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1792, more than 18,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including three members of the Lombard Police Department;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which was dedicated in 1991 in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, 358 names are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 181 officers killed in 2007 and 177 historical cases involving officers killed in previous years;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored, and the names of the officers newly engraved on the Memorial will be formally dedicated, during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 20th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Tuesday, May 13, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 11-17;

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, with federal law (P.L. 103-322) directing that all flags be flown at half-staff on that date in honor of fallen officers and their families;

WHEREAS, in the year 2000 the United States Congress passed, and President Bill Clinton signed, legislation authorizing a National Law Enforcement Museum to be built adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, this first-ever National Law Enforcement Museum, scheduled to open in 2011, will provide a comprehensive and educational look at the law enforcement profession and further honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lombard formally declares May 11-17, 2008, as Police Week in Lombard, Illinois, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

William J. Mueller
Village President

