

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the month of September has been declared National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among American men and this year thousands of men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,200 men will lose their lives to this disease in 2006, and one in six men in the nation is at risk of prostate cancer during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it is known that about twenty-five percent of prostate cancer occurs in men under the age of 65 during their prime work years, and at any age prostate cancer devastates families through loss of income, partnership and support; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer leaves too many parents, women, children and other family members without a man they love, and African American families are disproportionately affected due to African American men having the highest prostate cancer incidence and mortality rates in the world; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that men could reduce their risk of prostate cancer mortality if they followed recommended prostate cancer screening guidelines, including examination by a health care provider and increased awareness and use of early detection practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 2006 as **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** and urge all men in our community and throughout the country to become aware of their own risks of prostate cancer, talk to their health care providers about prostate cancer and, whenever appropriate, get screened for the disease.

William J. Mueller
Village President

