

**PROCLAMATION  
SKIN CANCER DETECTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States and also one of the most preventable; and

**WHEREAS,** melanoma, basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma are the three most common types of skin cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** a whopping ninety percent of skin cancer cases are directly related to sun damage; and

**WHEREAS,** one of the best preventative measures is using sun block not only in the summer, but also in the winter months when the sun's rays reflect off the snow; and

**WHEREAS,** malignant melanoma, the most rapidly increasing form of cancer in the United States, causes more than 75% of all deaths from skin cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** malignant melanoma can spread to other organs, most commonly the lungs and liver; and

**WHEREAS,** malignant melanoma diagnosed at an early stage can usually be cured, but melanoma diagnosed at a late stage is more likely to spread and cause death; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, having personally survived two operations for malignant melanoma, have designated June as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection Month in Lombard, and urge all residents to be sunwise especially during the summer months, to choose your cover, to play it safe in the sun and to take precautions to protect yourself and your family;

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

