

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL ARSON AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** juvenile arson is a serious crime that effects all people and can only be stopped when citizens realize the physical and emotional damage suffered by arson victims; and

**WHEREAS,** juvenile arson and youth-set fires result in over 300 deaths, 2,000 injuries, \$300 million in property damage and more than 40,000 incidents annually; and

**WHEREAS,** if people can become more informed along with communities having intervention and treatment programs for juvenile firesetters, strides can be made in this very preventable malfeasance; and

**WHEREAS,** the price that America pays for youth-set fires is extreme - most of the lives lost are those of the children setting the fires; the cost of the damaged property and the cost to the community of the increasing resources needed to fight the problem are all included; and

**WHEREAS,** public awareness is one of the specific responsibilities of the International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 – 7, 2005 as **Arson Awareness Week** in the Village of Lombard.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

