

**PROCLAMATION  
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** Fire Departments responds to a fire every 20 seconds; and

**WHEREAS,** home fires claimed more than 2,600 lives in the United States in 2002, more than all other natural disasters combined; and

**WHEREAS,** seventy-nine percent of fire deaths nationwide happen in the home; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lombard Fire Department recognizes the significant personal and economic toll fire takes on its citizens and understands that safety measures can significantly cut the risk of fire; and

**WHEREAS,** a fire can spread rapidly and a quick escape from the home increases the chance of survival; and

**WHEREAS,** smoke alarms have been proven an effective life-saver having helped to cut the home fire death rate by one half since their introduction to the general public and working smoke alarms are essential in every household and should be installed on every level of a home including the basement and outside of each sleeping area; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lombard Fire Department is joining the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in reaching out with a message for all residents of Lombard; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fire Prevention Week 2004 theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms" is an important message for all residents of Lombard;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village Of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the week October 3 – 9, 2004, as **Fire Prevention Week**, the week commemorated nationally and supported by the public safety efforts of fire departments, schools and other safety advocates in conjunction with NFPA and call upon the people of Lombard to remember the Fire Prevention 2004 reminder, "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarm" and urge all citizens to heed advice to install and maintain smoke alarms.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

