

**PROCLAMATION
CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**

WHEREAS, smoke alarms are present in 96% of American homes, of which 20% do not work because of dead or missing batteries preventing the United States from achieving the full potential of increased fire safety from smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms are still missing in 4% of U.S. homes, and this group accounts for 39% of reported fires and nearly half of all the reported home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, if a fire occurs, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half by providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, national fire safety standards recommend a minimum of one smoke alarm on each level of a home, one inside each bedroom and one outside each sleeping area; and

WHEREAS, "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" is a national home fire safety program which urges Americans to change smoke alarm batteries when changing their clocks back to standard time each fall; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lombard Fire Department are dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and are joined by other concerned citizens, businesses, schools, service clubs, churches, and organizations in their fire safety efforts;

NOW THEREFORE I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 8, 2009 as "**Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery**" Day and call upon all residents of the Village of Lombard to participate in "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" Day to ensure your safety and the safety of your families in the event of a fire.

William J. Mueller
Village President

