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**PROCLAMATION
IDLING GETS US NOWHERE CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, air quality affects the health and well-being of all the residents of the Village of Lombard; and

WHEREAS, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards, the Chicagoland region is currently a non-attainment zone for ozone, and it is likely that the region will be declared in non-attainment for fine particulates; and

WHEREAS, an idling motor vehicle contributes more than 20 times the toxic air emissions than one traveling 32 mph and idling a medium-duty gasoline vehicle for five minutes each day can emit 30 pounds of harmful pollutants and 300 pounds of carbon dioxide in a year; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, diesel exhaust contains very small particles as well as 40 chemicals that are classified as "hazardous air pollutants" under the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, each of us take 20,000 breaths each day and children breathe 50% more air per pound than adults and children's asthma symptoms, the leading cause of school absences, increase as a result of car exhaust;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, affirm that the Village of Lombard will take the lead in the "**Idling Gets Us Nowhere**" campaign with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Clean Air Counts Program on Earth Day, April 22, 2008 and encourage all residents of the Village of Lombard to turn off their engines, especially around schools and parks.

William J. Mueller
Village President