

**PROCLAMATION
ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, each April since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) has designated April as "Alcohol Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous, not only to themselves, but to society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students and is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth, increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is a factor in the leading cause of death among persons ages 10 to 24, motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol Awareness Month was established as a nationwide effort to provide the American public with information about the disease of alcoholism and the serious problem of alcohol abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH** in the Village of Lombard and encourage all residents to participate in alcohol abuse prevention efforts and activities making a visible statement and commitment to healthy, drug-free communities in which to raise a generation of alcohol and drug-free youth and encourage all community members to pledge to take a stand to prevent underage drinking and alcohol and drug abuse.

William J. Mueller
Village President

