

**PROCLAMATION
WELCOME HOME 2011**

WHEREAS, on June 13, 1986, the Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade was held with over 200,000 Veterans and their families marching proudly down the streets of Chicago to the applause of over 300,000 spectators; and

WHEREAS, that emotional and inspirational day helped change the Country's outlook of the Vietnam Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the parade provided a healing process which generated a grassroots movement that laid the groundwork for today's returning soldiers; and

WHEREAS, June 13, 2011 will be the 25th anniversary of this historic event; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate this anniversary "Welcome Home 2011" "Together Then, Together Again", will be held June 17-19, 2011 with numerous events including an Art and Photo Display at the Chicago Cultural Arts Center; the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall will be on display at Navy Pier; a Kick-off Rally will be held at Navy Pier on June 18th which will include a "Pass the Torch" ceremony; a banquet will be held at the Palmer House on Saturday evening, June 18th and on Sunday, June 19th, an afternoon of music will be held at the Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard is proud of our Veterans and the men and women who serve our country and we thank them and their families for the sacrifices they have made;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim June 17 – 19, 2011 at **WELCOME HOME 2011** Days in the Village of Lombard in recognition of the our Vietnam, Iraqui, and Afghanistan Veterans and those who are currently serving our Country.

William J. Mueller
Village President

