

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL SAFE KIDS WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** unintentional injury is the number one killer of children ages 1 – 14 in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** each year, more than 6 million unintentional injuries in children 1 - 14 are reported; and

**WHEREAS,** for children ages 14 and under, the leading causes of unintentional injuries are falls, bike injuries, motor vehicle occupancy injuries, fires and burn injuries, and poisonings; and almost all of these injuries and deaths are preventable; and

**WHEREAS,** reducing the barriers to attaining safety devices (such as smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, bicycle helmets, car seats and booster seats), increasing educational efforts directed toward children who are at high risk for injury, and improving the overall safety of the child's environment, are preventative strategies to keeping kids safe from unintentional injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** Safe Kids USA and the Lombard Fire Department promotes childhood injury prevention strategies by uniting diverse groups into local and state coalitions, developing innovative educational tools and programs, initiating public policy changes, distributing safety devices to families in need, promoting new technology and raising awareness through the media; and

**WHEREAS,** Safe Kids USA, with the support of founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson, launches Safe Kids Week 2009, "Raising Safe Kids: One Stage at a Time" which examines the impact of a child's development (biological, cognitive, physiological, physical and behavioral aspects) on their risk for unintentional injuries, and the steps caregivers can take to promote a safe environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard do hereby proclaim April 26 – May 3, 2009 **National Safe Kids Week** in the Village of Lombard and call upon all the residents to join with me in supporting the efforts and activities of Safe Kids Coalition to help prevent childhood injury.

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Village President William J. Mueller

