

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 73 sworn members of the Lombard Police Department; and

WHEREAS, some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1792, more than 18,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty including three members of the Lombard Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial which was dedicated in 1991 in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 387 names are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial this spring, including 133 officers killed in 2008 and 254 historic cases involving officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored and the names of the officers newly engraved on the Memorial will be formally dedicated during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 21st Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of Wednesday, May 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week which takes place this year from May 10 through May 16; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day with federal law directing that all flags be flown at half-staff on that date in honor of fallen officers and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard declare May 10-16, 2009 as **Police Week** in Lombard and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and the communities across the nation.

William J. Mueller
Village President

