

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage all Americans to better prepare their homes and communities for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, protecting Lombard's homes and citizens is the shared responsibility of the entire Village; and

WHEREAS, individuals can prepare themselves and their families for emergencies by taking simple steps such as organizing an emergency supply kit, making a personal preparedness plan, becoming informed about different threats, getting involved in preparing their community and these activities can help save lives; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard continues to communicate to residents to be prepared for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this month is also an opportunity to pay tribute to American's first responders including police officers, firefighters and emergency service personnel who put themselves at risk for the safety of our fellow citizens and who exemplify the compassion and commitment that help strengthen our country; and

WHEREAS, during National Preparedness Month, the Village encourages all Lombard residents to get involved in their community's preparedness efforts and residents may visit ready.gov and citizencorps.gov to learn more about emergency preparedness and ways to take action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as **National Preparedness Month** and call upon the people of the Village of Lombard to recognize the importance of preparing for potential emergencies and to observe this month by participating in appropriate events, activities and preparedness programs. .

William J. Mueller
Village President

