

**PROCLAMATION
LILAC TIME IN LOMBARD**

WHEREAS, May 6 through May 21, 2017 has been established as the time for the Lilac Festival activities in Lombard; and

WHEREAS, the Lombard Park District is looking forward to another outstanding festival this year, one which does justice to the rich horticultural tradition of the Village of Lombard and which entertains and delights both residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, following the death of Colonel Plum in 1927, his estate was bequeathed to the Village as a park and his home given to be used as a free public library and reading rooms now known as Lilacia Park and the Helen Plum Memorial Library; and

WHEREAS, Lilacia Park is home to 700 lilacs and 25,000 blooms of tulips and other flowers; and

WHEREAS, in March 2013, the Board of Directors of the International Lilac Society voted to proclaim the month of May as International Lilac Month and urges everyone to visit botanical gardens, arboreta, parks and private gardens and enjoy the beauty and perfume of lilacs; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard is proud to be the home of the Lilac Festival this year and every year; and

WHEREAS, the Lilac Princesses represent the Village during Lilac Time and the year which follows, and the Lilac Queen and her Court are a very important part of the entire Lilac Festival and we are proud of Lilac Princesses Taylor Balsitis, Kyla Denwood, Amanda O'Brien, Emma Peca and Liana Pavese; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the celebration of the 63rd Lilac Parade and the 87th Lilac Festival in Lombard;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim May 6th through May 21st, 2017 as **LILAC TIME IN LOMBARD** and urge residents to take part in this year's Lilac Time celebration and activities.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

