

- **WHEREAS**, teachers open up young minds, showing them the wonders of the intellect and the miracle of being able to think for themselves; and
- **WHEREAS,** a teacher exercises the mental muscles of students, stretching and strengthening, so they can make challenging decisions, find their way in the world, and become independent; and
- **WHEREAS**, the best teachers care enough to gently push and prod students to do their best and fulfill their potential; and
- WHEREAS, a teacher's role extends far beyond reading, writing and arithmetic; and
- **WHEREAS**, teachers are a daily influence in children's lives...shaping, molding, inspiring and nurturing their minds and hearts; and
- WHEREAS, teachers work to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams; and
- **WHEREAS**, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship; and
- **WHEREAS**, teachers fill many roles as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and
- WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are over;
- **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2007 as **National Teacher Appreciation Week** and Tuesday, May 8, 2007 as **National Teacher Day** in the Village of Lombard and urge residents to observe this day by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the teachers in our lives.

William J. Mueller Village President