

**PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2019**

- WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Lombard; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and
- WHEREAS,** the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and
- WHEREAS,** when the smoke alarm sounds Lombard's residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard's residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard's residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard's residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2019 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lombard Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House on October 9, 2019 at Fire Station One at 50 E. St. Charles Road from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this town, and I urge all the people of Lombard to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Lombard's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President