

**PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2016**

- WHEREAS,** the Village of Lombard is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** home fires killed more than 2,745 people in the United States in 2014 and one home structure fire was reported every 86 seconds in 2014 - this according to the latest research from the National Fire Protection Association; and
- WHEREAS,** cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half and automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80%; and
- WHEREAS,** Lombard's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "DON'T WAIT CHECK THE DATE", effectively serves to remind us that smoke alarms save lives. Every residential home should have smoke alarms within every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lombard Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House on October 12, 2016 at Fire Station One at 50 E. St. Charles Road from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard does hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the Village of Lombard and urge all residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2016, and to support the activities and efforts of Lombard's fire and emergency services.

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