



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

Hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of Ohio and the Lima community; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Ohio is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of our state and to provide additional resources that citizens of Ohio need; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Lima is committed to working with West Ohio Food Bank in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

**WHEREAS:** The West Ohio Food Bank distributed more than 5 million, 3 hundred thousand meals of food in 2012 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

**WHEREAS:** Food banks across the country, including the 12 members of the Feeding America network, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community; and

**WHEREAS:** The West Ohio Food Bank is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year of working toward ending hunger in Lima and the West Central Ohio region.

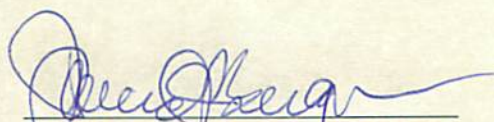
**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim the month of September as

### HUNGER ACTION MONTH

in the City of Lima, Ohio, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens, asking each citizen to find a way to donate, volunteer, or advocate toward ending hunger together in our metropolitan community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.



  
**DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR**  
**CITY OF LIMA, OHIO**