



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

The Hunger and Homelessness Committee has been working for a number of years coordinating services for the homeless in Allen County and educating the public on homeless issues in Allen County; and

WHEREAS: The National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week for the past several years; and

WHEREAS: National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is designed to educate the public about the many people who are hungry and homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Allen County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS: There are many organizations committed to sheltering and providing meals and food supplies to the homeless including: Lima Samaritan House, Family Promise of Allen County, Lima Rescue Mission, Crossroads Crisis Center, Our Daily Bread, Christian Corner Community Center and Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS: In Allen County during 2012 there were an estimated 60 individuals a month who were homeless and were staying at Lima Samaritan House, Lima Rescue Mission, Crossroads Crisis Center or Family Promise (this number does not include many persons in Allen County who do not stay at a shelter but are homeless and living in the homes of other people); and

WHEREAS: The City of Lima recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Allen County.

NOW THEREFORE:


I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim the week of November 17 through November 23, 2013 as

**NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS
AWARENESS WEEK**

in the City of Lima and encourage all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need charitable support from citizens and private and public non-profit service entities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 29th day of October 2013.




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