

Office of the Mayor

P Proclamation

Whereas:

Forty one years ago, Helen Mack brought to the Lima community the borrowed idea of offering one another Christmas wishes before rows of decorated evergreens and thus was born the Christmas Tree Festival; and

WHEREAS: Fifty-three trees were sponsored in the first year by various groups and individuals and in one week 3,500 people visited the Allen County Museum to view the trees; and

WHEREAS: In 2012, eighty-nine trees were sponsored and the festival was attended by more than 20,000 people; and

WHEREAS: The Christmas Tree Festival offers evergreens of every interest, and most especially for children there is "Evergreen", the Talking Tree, which emphasizes to them the purity of Christmas; and

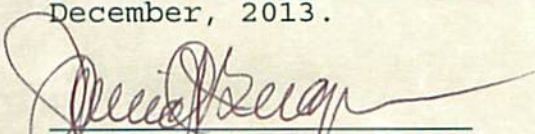
WHEREAS: The Christmas Tree Festival is sponsored by The Church Women United in the Lima Area, The Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District, and The Allen County Historical Society for the purpose of celebrating our community's values during the Christmas and Holiday Season; and

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 4, 2013 as

THE 41st ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

in Lima, Ohio and invite all our citizens and neighbors to share in celebration of this festive five-day exhibition of trees which has come to be a traditional event ushering in the Christmas Season in Lima and Allen County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 3rd day of December, 2013.



DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

