

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

In 1873, Reverend Revells of Paulding County Ohio and Reverend Shelton of Cincinnati, Ohio were able to bring together seven believers in the doctrine "One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism" and organized The Second Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS:** This congregation initially met in a hall over Langan's Grocery at the northeast corner of Lima's Public Square, and later moved several times before the present property at 520 West Spring was purchased in 1876; in 1886 the mortgage was burned and the Articles of Incorporation filed with the State; and

**WHEREAS:** The first new frame church was completed in 1890 with the membership growing to 115 and final mortgage payment on this church being made in 1898; and

**WHEREAS:** The cornerstone of the present church, designed to seat 600 people, was laid on Sunday, July 21, 1917 and the mortgage on the church was burned in 1943; and

**WHEREAS:** Since that time, numerous improvements have been made, including a major expansion project completed in 1980; and

**WHEREAS:** The congregation, under the leadership of Pastor Dennis Ward, developed plans for a new sanctuary, fellowship hall and classrooms; and

**WHEREAS:** The Second Baptist Church is now celebrating the completion of the new sanctuary, and continues to add new ministries with emphasis on love, worship, forgiveness, guidance and redemption for all mankind.

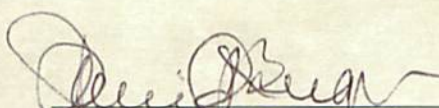
**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 5, 2014 as

### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH DAY

in the City of Lima, and ask all citizens to congratulate the Second Baptist Church congregation as they celebrate 140 years of service to the community and look forward to many more years proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior of the world.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2014.



  
DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO