



## Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

### Whereas:

April 11, 2014 marks the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status or physical/mental disability; and

**WHEREAS:** Discrimination in housing is much subtler today than in decades past, but it does persist, be it out of ignorance or intolerance; both on individual and systemic levels; and

**WHEREAS:** Federal, state, and local governments continue to work toward the goal of eliminating housing injustices with a more recent push to address discrimination being experienced because of sexual orientation and gender identity, and discrimination based on a tenant's use of government assistance to pay rent; and

**WHEREAS:** Illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and

**WHEREAS:** The ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal and state governments. Vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective, if not more so, than federal efforts.


**NOW THEREFORE,** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2014 as

### FAIR HOUSING MONTH

In the City of Lima, Ohio and encourage all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.



  
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DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO