



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Free Comic Book Day is a unique event founded in 2002 that was designed to promote literacy by distributing free reading material to readers of all ages and interests; and

WHEREAS: Comics are a proven educational tool helping reluctant readers take an interest in, and develop a life-long love of reading; and

WHEREAS: Free Comic Book Day is dedicated to increasing awareness of comics as an original American art form and entertainment for all readers; and

WHEREAS: The first comic book published in the United States was "The Adventures of Obadiah Oldbuck" in 1842. The first "modern" superhero comic book was Action Comics #1 in 1938; and

WHEREAS: On the first Saturday in May, more than one million people in 40 countries will be celebrating Free Comic Book Day; and

WHEREAS: Alter Ego Comics, a leading downtown Lima business and destination spot for many local families and visitors since 2005, is expecting over 1300 people to visit their location and other downtown businesses on Free Comic Book Day.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 3, 2014 as

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

in the City of Lima and ask all citizens to commend and congratulate owners, Marc and Angie Bowker, and the staff of Alter Ego Comics for sponsoring this annual event which shines a positive light on the City and provides its residents with a fun and creative approach to promoting literacy while celebrating comic books, a unique American art form.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 30th day of April 2014.

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

