



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Mr. Keith Deters, Plant Manager for General Dynamics at the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center (JSMC), has worked there for 33 years; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Deters, a Putnam County native, graduated from Kalida High School, received his Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management from Bluffton College and his MBA from the University of Findlay; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Deters began his career with General Dynamics as a Quality Control Engineer at what was then called The Lima Army Tank Plant and continued to move through the management ranks until being appointed Plant Manager in 2003; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Deters has been actively involved in the Lima community and is currently a member of the United Way of Greater Lima's Board of Directors, Ohio State University at Lima's Board Trustee, the Ohio Energy & Advanced Manufacturing Center Board and the Lima Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS: In his role as plant manager, Mr. Deters' passion for keeping the facility open and securing the jobs of the people he worked with led the effort to diversify the products and customer base at the plant. In recognition of the diversification, the Army changed the facility's name to the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Deters' actions highlighted the importance of the community's support and he was recognized as "a real partner" for his work with Task Force Lima in keeping community members engaged on behalf of the plant; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Deters expressed great pride and respect for his colleagues and the work being done at the plant in producing military vehicles that have been gratefully acknowledged by soldiers for saving their lives; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Deters, after serving us the longest of any JSMC plant manager, is retiring, from what he declares has been a very challenging and rewarding career, to enjoy time with his family.

NOW THEREFORE:

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim December 17, 2014 as

MR. KEITH DETERS DAY

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to congratulate Mr. Deters on his retirement and wish him good health and prosperity in his coming years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 15th day of December 2014.


DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

