



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Twenty years ago, Harrison and Myrna Shutt successfully borrowed an idea from another community, re-imagined it and created, in partnership with Ohio Northern University, a long-standing and beloved family tradition popularly known as *The ONU Holiday Spectacular*; and

WHEREAS: In 1994, the premiere production of *The ONU Holiday Spectacular* hit the stage for the first of a series of consecutive sold-out performances that continue to this day; and

WHEREAS: The Shutts have always believed that the holiday show should be affordable to all families and, as such, have not increased the price of the show since its inception 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS: The show has been financially underwritten in part by Harry and Myrna and Kewpee Hamburger since 1994; and

WHEREAS: The Shutts have created not only a sense of community, but also a sense of family among the director, cast, crew and audience related to *The ONU Holiday Spectacular*; and

WHEREAS: No holiday season is complete without *The ONU Holiday Spectacular*; and

WHEREAS: *The ONU Holiday Spectacular* brings hundreds of visitors to the community; and

WHEREAS: Since its debut, more than 130,000 people have experienced the heart-felt joy of this magical production.

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

**THE HARRY AND MYRNA SHUTT
HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR DAY**

in Lima, Ohio, in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of *The ONU Holiday Spectacular*, and to thank the Shutts for making this year's show and every year's show possible, and to invite our citizens, surrounding communities and neighbors to share in this festive occasion, which will forever have its rightful place shepherding in the Christmas season in Lima and Hardin County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 24th day of November 2014.

**DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO**

