

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**Whereas:**

On November 10, 1775, a force of two battalions of Marines was authorized by the Continental Congress and later a corps of Marines was established by the U. S. Congress on July 11, 1798; and

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Marine Corps played important roles, during the 19th Century, in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the American Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and the Boxer Rebellion; and

**WHEREAS:** During World War I (1914-1918) artillery and aviation units were added to the Corps, and the brave efforts of the 4th Marine Brigade in the Battle of Belleau Wood brought the Marine Corps worldwide fame; and

**WHEREAS:** During World War II (1939-1945) the Marine Corps grew to a peak of 669,100 troops who fought gallantly in all of the Pacific campaigns notably Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, and the Corps was also active in the Korean War (1950 - 1953) and the Vietnam War (1959-1975), and is now playing a critical role in our nation's international fight against terrorism; and

**WHEREAS:** Marines are trained and equipped primarily to carry out integrated land, sea, and air operations; and


**WHEREAS:** The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established during World War I, reinstated during World War II and in 1948, under the Armed Forces Integration Act was established as a permanent component of the Corps.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 10, 2015 as

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS DAY**

in Lima, Ohio, and call upon all citizens to show sincere appreciation by paying tribute to the United States Marine Corps on this the 240th Birthday of the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS and to make every effort to express our thanks to these men and women who willingly sacrifice their lives that freedom may continue to reign in our American homelands and abroad.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
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DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

