Office of the Mayor roclamation

Celebrate the City is an event for the entire Lima Allen County community to celebrate the broadly collaborative efforts resulting in economic growth and a dynamic vision for a vibrant future of living, working and playing in Lima as the center of our region; and

WHEREAS: Lima was founded in 1831 and quickly became a fast growing, industrial town, with

manufacturing, oil and railroads making Lima productive and prosperous; and

WHEREAS: In the mid 1990's Lima lost more than 8,000 industrial jobs due to the shifting

economy, and since then the city has vigorously sought ways to rebuild and revitalize

the community; and

WHEREAS: Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Lima Inc., AEDG and local

> businesses, and the public sector are working together to continue to foster economic growth and the success of the efforts have recently been given the national spotlight through Area Development magazine which ranked Lima 33rd in the nation and the

best in Ohio for 5 years of continuous growth.; and

WHEREAS: As a result of hard work and the community coming together, Lima's downtown area

is filling with new businesses and will continue to do so with the investments being made by Rhodes State College in their Center for Health Science Education and Innovation, by Dominion Gas in their new business campus, and by the WODA

Group in the historic renovation of the First National Bank Building.

NOW THEREFORE:

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim September 29th, 2016 as

CELEBRATE THE CITY DAY

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to join together to celebrate the accomplishments of our community and look forward to future additional achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 29th day of September, 2016.

VID J. BERGER, M CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

