

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in the United States, the same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun; and

WHEREAS: The first Commemorative Domestic Violence Awareness legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1989 and such legislation has been passed annually since; and

WHEREAS: Events during Domestic Violence Awareness Month serve to heighten knowledge of the problem and provide guidance for what can be done to reduce domestic violence within our community; and

WHEREAS: Various reading materials on the subject of domestic violence have been donated to the Lima Public Library for 18 years in an effort to heighten knowledge of the problem.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2012 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Lima and share in the dedication of these books and encourage all citizens to take action to help reduce the incidence of domestic violence in our community.

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 September 2012.



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