



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Lima has a long history of helping neighbors in need as illustrated by the West Central Ohio Chapter of the American Red Cross. In the past year alone they assisted 208 families affected by disasters and they handle an average of 560 case services to military members and their families through the Service to the Armed Forces program; and

WHEREAS:

Every year, the American Red Cross responds to an average of more than 62,000 disasters across the country. Last year's large crises included mudslides in California, a volcano eruption in Hawaii, wildfires in Colorado and California, destructive hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas, and a devastating typhoon in U.S. territories. The West Central Ohio Chapter has worked with community partners to install 1,710 smoke alarms and make 658 households safer.

WHEREAS:

American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our loyal heroes – those Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members. These heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against measles and rubella; and

WHEREAS:

Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. Every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. They collect nearly 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provide 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teach millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connect family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration; and


NOW THEREFORE:

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim the month of March as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission of service locally and nationally.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 28th day of February, 2019.


DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

