



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and communities are increasingly turning to service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS: National service organizations represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-public resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars.

WHEREAS: The Kiwanis Club of Lima was founded on August 20, 1919 as the 156th club in the history of Kiwanis International and the 16th in the Ohio District of Kiwanis International and quickly became a viable community service organization serving the children of Allen County and the world; and

WHEREAS: The Kiwanis Club of Lima initiated major fundraisers to purchase 75% of the land for Camp Woodhaven Program Center (Girls Scouts) in the late 1940s and early 1950s; donated \$25,000.00 to build the one room schoolhouse at the Allen County Museum; donated \$20,000.00 to eradicate Iodine Deficiency Disorder in third world countries; donated \$33,000.00 to eradicate maternal and neonatal tetanus around the world; and in 2019, has joined with The Arc of Allen County and the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities to help raise funds for two All Ability Playgrounds; and

WHEREAS: As a service club, Kiwanis currently provides hands-on service with Our Daily Bread Community Center, New Life Church International soup kitchen, Rally Point Youth Center, and Family Promise, and provides mentoring and tutoring in Lima City Schools elementary grades; and

WHEREAS: In partnership with Trinity United Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club has awarded scholarships to 40 students who major in music with the Ronald W. Richards Young Musicians scholarship program and annually awards the John Phillips Sousa Award to a student in each Allen County High School; and

WHEREAS: In partnership with the Lima City Schools, Kiwanis sponsors the Key Club of Lima Senior for high school students; Builders Clubs for middle school students at North and West Middle Schools and South and Liberty Magnets; and K-Kids Clubs for elementary school students at Independence, Heritage, Unity, and Freedom Elementary Schools to encourage and mentor youth in service; and

WHEREAS: In partnership with the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD), Kiwanis sponsors an Aktion Club of Allen County, the world's largest service club for adults with developmental disabilities; and in partnership with Ohio State Lima, Kiwanis sponsors a Circle K International, a service club for college students.

AND WHEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim the Saturday, September 7, 2019 as:

Kiwanis Club of Lima Day

in the City of Lima, Ohio and encourage our citizens to join me in celebrating the 100 year Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Lima and in expressing appreciation for all of the projects that they have undertaken and do participate in to help our community in unmeasurable ways.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 7th day of September, 2019.

Handwritten signature of David J. Berger in blue ink.

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

