

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Forty years ago, Helen Mack brought to the Lima community the borrowed idea of offering one another Christmas wishes before rows of decorated evergreens and thus was born the Christmas Tree Festival; and

WHEREAS: Last year's attendance was over 20,000, with many adults attending with their children to share fond memories of their own childhood delight at this event; and

WHEREAS: The Christmas Tree Festival offers evergreens of every interest, and most especially for children there is "Evergreen", the Talking Christmas Tree, which emphasizes to them the purity of Christmas; and

WHEREAS: The Christmas Tree Festival is sponsored by The Church Women United in the Lima Area, The YWCA of Northwest Ohio, and The Allen County Historical Society for the purpose of celebrating our community's values during the Christmas and Holiday Season; and

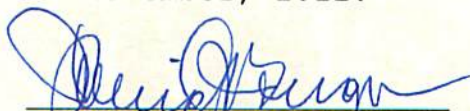
WHEREAS: "40 Years of Christmas Traditions" is the theme for this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim November 28 through December 2, 2012 as

**THE 40th ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

in Lima, Ohio and invite all our citizens and neighbors to share in celebration of this festive exhibition of trees which has come to be a traditional event ushering in the Christmas Season in Lima and Allen County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 26th day of November, 2012.



DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO