

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to values of justice and equality and sought to actualize those values in our society through the practice of nonviolent social change; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. King's words and actions spurred similar words and actions on the part of men and women throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. King admonished us to love, not hate; to seek justice, not revenge; to confront the violence of others with courageous acceptance, not angry violence of our own; and


**WHEREAS:** The Congress and the President of the United States have established by law a national holiday to commemorate the anniversary of Dr. King's birth starting in the year 1986.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby join with others throughout the nation in proclaiming January 21, 2013 as

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in Lima, Ohio, and urge all citizens--young and old; black, white and persons of other ethnic origins; rich and poor--to personally examine our individual attitudes and prejudices and to establish or renew our commitments to equal justice under the law and respect for our fellow human beings.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

  
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DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

