



## Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

### Whereas:

Private First Class (PFC) William Junior Winchester was born May 5, 1930 in Mt. Hope, Alabama and died while in custody of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces at Prisoner of War Camp #5 on February 28, 1951; and

**WHEREAS:** PFC Winchester married Millie Ann Cowan-Winchester in 1950 and together they had a son, James W. Winchester; and

**WHEREAS:** PFC Winchester was one of the last Buffalo Soldiers before the integration of the Armed Services and was a member of Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was captured by enemy forces near Unsan, North Korea in November 1950; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1954, during Operation Glory, North Korea unilaterally turned over remains to the United States, including one set, designated Unknown X-13442 Operation Glory. None of the remains could be identified as PFC Winchester and he was declared non-recoverable. The remains were buried as an unknown in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS:** On June 11, 2018, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency disinterred X-13442 Operation Glory and using dental, anthropological and chest radiograph comparison analysis identified PFC William J. Winchester. It is with great honor to finally bring PFC Winchester home to his family and friends. PFC Winchester's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and a rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

### NOW THEREFORE:

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim August 10, 2021 as

### **PFC. William Junior Winchester Day**

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to join me in honoring PFC Winchester on his great sacrifice for this country and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 10th day of August 2021.



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