



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Today January 23rd, 2022, we thank the Lord for the ministry of our friend, Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Boquist, for the profound impact he has made on the Greater Lima Region since he began ministry here in 2013; and

WHEREAS: Pastor Boquist and his family joined our community nine years ago and made Lima their home and advocated that the mission of Jesus Christ is outside the walls of any building; and

WHEREAS: Pastor Doug and his wife Debbie, to accomplish this goal, created relationships and bonds of friendship with city officials in Allen and surrounding counties, the officials of our school system, area coaches, and numerous other churches of all denominations working tirelessly to develop our young men and women into citizens of character; and

WHEREAS: Pastor Boquist and Debbie's legacy in Lima will withstand the test of time through the implementation of mentoring programs recruiting adults and teenagers to work with our children, leading the creation of Bible teaching for children in some of the public schools, the tremendous presence he has exhibited by being present at and documenting through the gift of photography, so many sporting, musical, and theater events in our community; and

WHEREAS: Our friends, Pastor Doug and Debbie Boquist, have shared their lives so generously with so many, we will always remember them here in Lima and hope they will always have a piece of Lima in their hearts. We wish the Pastor, his wife, Debbie and their entire family, God's richest blessings for the future.

NOW THEREFORE:

I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Sunday January 23rd, 2022 as

Pastor Doug W. Boquist Day

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to join me in honoring Pastor Boquist on his many accomplishments and dedication to the Lima Community and extend out sincerest gratitude and prayers of appreciation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 23rd Day of January 2022.

Handwritten signature of Sharetta Smith

SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

