



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

The Salvation Army was established in Lima, Ohio in November 1888, and is currently in its 125th year of serving the residents of Lima and Allen County; and

WHEREAS: The Salvation Army assists those in need in the areas of missing persons, substance abuse, legal problems, relational conflicts, homelessness, unemployment, disaster relief, elderly services, veterans affairs, youth camps and centers, and those in need of a spiritual awakening and restoration; and

WHEREAS: The Salvation Army's Red Kettle is an integral part of the Christmas scene, with millions of dollars donated each year to aid needy families and the homeless, in keeping with the spirit of the Season; and

WHEREAS: The Salvation Army, armed with the weapons of hope, faith, strength, grace and mercy, and allied with generosity and benevolence serves the community, the region, the nation, the world, and a Sovereign Creator; and

WHEREAS: National Salvation Army Week was first officially recognized in 1954 by Congress and President Eisenhower as a symbol of the The Salvation Army's wholehearted dedication to the cause of human brotherhood and a constant reminder to us all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans; and

WHEREAS: Last year The Lima Salvation Army distributed food to 19,540 people in need; aided 261 individuals in 85 households who were struggling to pay their utility bills; teamed with the U.S. Marines, in helping 3,829 individuals with Christmas assistance, including 1,049 households with 6,827 toys distributed to 2,014 children; helped 805 people stay warm with winter coats from their coat drive; provided school supplies to 623 students through their "Tools for Schools" drive; served 689 meals to area children and provided them with a safe place to play through their "Summer Kids Program"; assisted 48 students through their After School Program serving them meals, helping them with school work, and providing them with a safe place to play after school.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim May 13 through May 18, 2013 as

SALVATION ARMY WEEK

in the City of Lima, Ohio and I congratulate The Salvation Army on the occasion of their 125th Anniversary of service in the Lima Allen County Community and ask all citizens to continue to support the efforts of The Salvation Army in their fight against human despair and destruction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 1st day of May 2013.



Signature of David J. Berger
DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO