

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS:** This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS:** Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS:** Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS:** Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS:** Because trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, the Lima Urban Forest Council promotes tree planting in memory of those gone before us; and


**WHEREAS:** Lima, Ohio has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim April 26, 2013 as

### ARBOR DAY

in Lima, Ohio, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, to support our city's community forestry program, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013

  
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DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

