

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

The Equestrian Therapy Program was founded in 1982 by Ann Fassett, Joe Fassett and Bev Thompson as a non-profit charitable corporation; and

WHEREAS:

The mission of the Equestrian Therapy Program is to improve the quality of life for the disabled by providing equine-facilitated activities and therapy in Lima and 11 surrounding counties in Northwest Ohio; and

WHEREAS:

In 1983 the Equestrian Therapy Program held its first classes with sixteen students, 8 from St. Rita's and 8 from Lima Memorial. Since that time the Program has served over 1100 riders with referrals from hospitals, schools, therapists and physicians; and

WHEREAS:

Volunteers provide invaluable services to the Equestrian Therapy Program. From the first small group of 20 to the present day pool of over 200, volunteers work in every phase of the program saving the program tens of thousands of dollars over the years; and

WHEREAS:

Equestrian Therapy Program instructors receive specialized training and certification which enables them to provide students with activities that exercise the mind, body and spirit; and

WHEREAS:

The Equestrian Therapy Program would not be possible without the horses. Forty-four horses, acquired through donation or money donated to purchase a horse, have served the program, each with unique qualities and characteristics making it possible to serve a wide range of people with varying disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE:


I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim June 6, 2013 as

**EQUESTRIAN THERAPY PROGRAM
30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

in the City of Lima and ask all citizens to Congratulate the founders, staff, volunteers and riders on the celebration of their 30 Year Anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 3rd day of June 2013.




DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO