



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

The Association of Ohio Commodores was founded by Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes in 1966 during a ceremony at the Perry Monument at Put-In-Bay and was named for the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry; and

**WHEREAS:** Governor Rhodes established the Executive Order of the Ohio Commodores to honor 60 Ohio businessmen who accompanied him on Ohio's first international trade mission. Since then, over 300 men and women have been appointed to the Executive Order of the Ohio Commodores; and

**WHEREAS:** Membership in the Executive Order of the Ohio Commodores is only possible through appointment by Ohio's Governor in recognition for outstanding contributions to economic development in their communities and to the State of Ohio, with the appointment being considered Ohio's "most distinguished honor."; and

**WHEREAS:** Eighteen charter members of the original Commodores still belong to the Association and many Ohio families have seen multiple generations achieve membership; and

**WHEREAS:** Members include government officials; distinguished university professors and administrators; leaders of trade associations and economic development organizations; and senior executives of large, medium and small manufacturers from across Ohio in a wide variety of industries; and

**WHEREAS:** The Ohio Commodores have served as international trade mission participants, received international delegations to the State of Ohio, and acted as the Governor's honor guard at key official events. Since 1984, the Commodores have held a yearly fundraiser, and in recent years have been a primary sponsor of the Governor's Excellence in Exporting Awards; and

**WHEREAS:** The Association of Ohio Commodores is holding its Annual Summer Meeting in Lima, Ohio on June 14, 2013.


**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim Friday, June 14, 2013 as

### THE ASSOCIATION OF OHIO COMMODORES DAY

in the City of Lima in recognition of the members of the Association and their mission to assist the State of Ohio in its advancement in all areas contributing to the economic growth and development of our State, and the greater prosperity of its citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.



  
DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO