



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

The Purple Heart Medal, Badge of Military Merit, established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, August 7, 1782, is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use; and

WHEREAS: The Military Order of the Purple Heart organization, formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the combat decoration, is composed exclusively of Purple Heart recipients, and is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization that is strictly limited to "Combat Wounded" veterans; and

WHEREAS: Chartered by an act of Congress in 1958 for combat wounded veterans, The Military Order of the Purple Heart is composed of military men and women who have earned the Purple Heart Medal. The medal is awarded in the name of the President of the United States of America to members of the Armed Forces wounded in combat actions with an enemy force and or posthumously to the next of kin of the service member killed in action; and

WHEREAS: Over 1.7 million veterans since World War I have earned this award of honor.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim August 7, 2013 as

PURPLE HEART DAY

in the City of Lima as a tribute to the service and sacrifice of our many veterans, and especially the valor of the extraordinary service members who have earned the Purple Heart.

Furthermore:

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Lima, and upon the authorization of Frank Van Hoy, Interim National Adjutant, I proudly accept the official designation of

PURPLE HEART CITY

Thereby confirming our commitment to honor those who served and have sacrificed in defense of our freedoms as Americans and to gratefully acknowledge their sacrifice, bravery and unwavering commitment as patriots.

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 July 2013.



Handwritten signature of David J. Berger

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO