

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

The family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities; and

**WHEREAS:** In Allen County, Lima, Ohio, there are approximately 103 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family through Allen County Children Services; and

**WHEREAS:** Foster families, who open their homes and hearts and offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect and launching children into successful adulthood; and

**WHEREAS:** Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

**WHEREAS:** There are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it.


**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015 as

### FOSTER CARE MONTH

in Lima, and urge all citizens to change a lifetime by sharing their hearts, opening their homes, and offering help to children in foster care, foster parents and the child welfare professional staff working with them.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.



  
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DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO