



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Forty three years ago, Helen Mack brought to the Lima community the borrowed idea of offering one another Christmas wishes before rows of decorated evergreens and thus was born the Christmas Tree Festival; and

WHEREAS: Fifty-three trees were sponsored in the first year by various groups and individuals and in one week 3,500 people visited the Allen County Museum to view the trees; and

WHEREAS: In 2014, eighty-nine trees were sponsored and the festival was attended by more than 20,000 people; and

WHEREAS: The Christmas Tree Festival offers evergreens of every interest, and most especially for children there is "Evergreen", the Talking Tree, which emphasizes to them the purity of Christmas; and

WHEREAS: The theme for 2015 Christmas Tree Festival is "The Majesty of Christmas"; and

WHEREAS: The Christmas Tree Festival, sponsored by The Church Women United in the Lima Area, The Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District, and The Allen County Historical Society, is a joyous holiday celebration embodying the true meaning of Christmas and promoting family and community togetherness.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 2nd through Sunday, December 6th 2015 as

**THE 43rd ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

in Lima, Ohio and invite all our citizens and neighbors to share in celebration of this festive five-day exhibition of trees which has come to be a traditional event ushering in the Christmas Season in Lima and Allen County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 19th day of November, 2015.



**DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO**