



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

The health and safety of all Ohioans is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our state's families and communities; and

WHEREAS: Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain; and

WHEREAS: More than 5 million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over 100,000 women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

WHEREAS: Many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS: Lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus; and

WHEREAS: There is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

WHEREAS: There is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Lima, Ohio and urge all citizens to educate themselves on the symptoms and impacts of lupus, and join with the Lupus Foundation of Northwest Ohio, in supporting programs of research and education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 4th day of May, 2016.



Signature of David J. Berger
DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO