



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Elder Abuse Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that elder abuse is widespread, under-reported, is an ever-increasing issue in our society, and crosses all socioeconomic boundaries; and

WHEREAS: Nationwide, only 1 in 24 cases of elder abuse is reported and only 10% of such cases are reported in Allen County, and

WHEREAS: Today, June 15, 2016, is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and communities around the globe are calling attention to the scope and impact of abuse and exploitation of elders everywhere; and

WHEREAS: Neglect is the type of abuse most commonly reported in the Lima community, followed by financial exploitation, emotional, physical and sexual abuse and self-neglect; and

WHEREAS: Over 1100 victims have been served by the Elder Victim Ministry of Crime Victim Services since 1998 and many more victims are expected to be served in coming years due to the increasing number of elders in our community; and

WHEREAS: The Elder Victim Ministry of Crime Victim Services, in conjunction with the Area Agency on Aging 3, Allen County Council on Aging, Allen County Adult Protective Services, Partnership For violence Free Families and other area elder service agencies work tirelessly together to meet the needs of all elder victims in our community, believing they are a valuable resource that richly increases the quality of life for all of us living in Lima and Allen County. Let us honor, respect and support our elders today and every day.

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

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
And today, June 15, 2016, as
WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to join advocates and communities across the globe in playing as active role in advocating for and supporting our elders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 15th day of June, 2016.

Handwritten signature of David J. Berger in blue ink.

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

