



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Forty four 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: Last year's attendance was over 20,000, with many adults attending with their children to share fond memories of their own childhood delight at this event; 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 2016 Christmas Tree Festival is "An Old Fashioned 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, November 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 as

THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all 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 22nd day of November, 2016.



Signature of David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio.