

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Ohio has the second highest rate of deaths due to drug overdoses in the nation. More than 4,800 deaths were attributed to drug overdoses in Ohio in 2017 that is up 1081% from the 411 fatal drug overdoses in 2000; and

WHEREAS:

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin counties is working to build a comprehensive system of prevention, education, intervention, treatment, and recovery for all citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS:

The City of Lima is committed to supporting efforts to prevent and treat addiction, including opioids; educate youth and adults about addiction and recovery; promote family building and workforce development as ways of combatting the effects of addiction on communities; and encourage community engagement in efforts to address this present opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS

The City of Lima and the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin counties both express their deep gratitude and appreciation to all community members in the City of Lima working on the front lines in the fight against our opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS:

Law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire fighters, emergency room staff, and treatment professionals who are bringing help, hope, and care by working day-in and day-out to save lives, provide treatment, assist families, and support recovery in our community should be recognized and applauded.

NOW THEREFORE:

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 29th, thru Friday, May 3rd, 2019 as

APPRECIATION WEEK FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

in Lima, Ohio, and urge all citizens to join in expressing their appreciation to all emergency responders involved in providing care to those who are abusing drugs and creating health crises for themselves, their families and loved ones.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 29th day of April, 2019.



DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

