



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

28 million Americans have some degree of hearing loss; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that 3 in every 1000 newborns have hearing loss, and in Ohio, this means that approximately 450 babies are born each year with significant hearing problems; and

WHEREAS: Our ability to communicate through speech and hearing should not be taken for granted. It is important for all individuals to have their hearing tested; and

WHEREAS: The focus of Sertoma, Inc. is to aid persons with communicative disorders; and

WHEREAS: The Lima Noon Sertoma Club provides broad community assistance through its affiliation with professional audiologists and speech and language pathologists at St. Rita's Medical Center, The Lima Memorial Health System, and The Hearing and Balance Center; and

WHEREAS: The Club's SHARP Committee, which stands for Sertoma Hearing Aid Recipient Program, distributes new, in-the-ear hearing aids to citizens in need; and

WHEREAS: The Lima Noon Sertoma Club is the sole sponsor for the Summer Speech Clinic providing valuable therapy to approximately 90 area children each year.


NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

in Lima, Ohio and urge all citizens of our community to join with me in commending the Lima Noon Sertoma Club and the speech and hearing professionals for their valuable Service to Mankind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 7th day of May 2019.




DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO