



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Manufacturing is a critical component of Lima Allen County's economy with more than 8800 residents employed in manufacturing. That is, 18% of all private sector jobs in Allen County; and

WHEREAS: Lima recognizes the importance of a thriving manufacturing sector, and works to fuel local economic growth through the Lima Auto Task Force, Task Force Lima, and many workforce development efforts; and

WHEREAS: Manufacturing innovation drives economic growth, giving workers the resources to remain the most productive and competitive in the works. Since 2010 manufacturing employment has increased by 14.7%, total manufacturing wages increased by 29%, while the average weekly wage in manufacturing increased by 12.6%; and

WHEREAS: Lima knows that 12% of Ohio's employment is in manufacturing companies, which significantly contributes to Ohio's standard of living. Since the pool of prospective employees remains small, employers are establishing apprenticeship-type programs to engage and train new employees; and

WHEREAS: Lima and Allen County's prosperity depends on the education and vocational career opportunities that align with manufacturers' skilled-labor needs, and the newly launched Link Lima initiative is a comprehensive and creative approach to solving the workforce challenges of our local manufacturing industries.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim October 4th, 2019 as

**MANUFACTURING DAY
and October as
MANUFACTURING MONTH**

in Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to newly appreciate the broadly beneficial opportunities created by the array of manufacturing industries of 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 2nd day of October, 2019.

**DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO**

