



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Allen and Putnam Counties was started in 2009 as a program of Crime Victim Services, a non-profit organization advocating for victims of crime; and

WHEREAS: The mission of CASA is to advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected, and dependent children to the courts with continuously trained volunteers who focus on investigation/assessment, relationships, and reports so each child can have a safe and permanent home; and

WHEREAS: The role of CASA is to provide a stable, consistent adult in the child's life to mitigate the upheaval that they are experiencing. This role, is filled by a caring, trained volunteer from the community; and

WHEREAS: CASA of Allen and Putnam Counties is a member of the National CASA Association and Ohio CASA. They have serviced over 800 children since 2009. Currently the program has over 80 active volunteers. In Allen County, CASA Volunteers are appointed to dependency and neglect cases from the Juvenile Court; and

WHEREAS: CASA advocates for more than 120 children per year in Allen and Putnam counties. These are children for whom life has become a storm of uncertainty. They may be uprooted several times in the course of the year as they move from family member to foster care.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim October 2nd, 2019 as

Court Appointed Special Advocate Day

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to thank the volunteers and staff at CASA and acknowledge the importance of CASA to the community and to the children 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.

Handwritten signature of David J. Berger

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

