



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. The institution began in 1920 when Jule Barnett, a local Lima businessman, opened Northwestern School of Commerce located in the Dominion Building in downtown Lima; and

**WHEREAS:**

In 1966 the college was accredited by the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools and had grown to 200 students and moved to the Barnett Building on North McDonel Street. In October of 1969 Loren R. Jarvis purchased the college including the Barnett Building and changed the name to Northwestern Business College (NBC) and named Dr. J. McLean Reed, President. In January of 1971 NBC became one of the first two business schools authorized by the Ohio State Board of School and College Registration to award associate degrees in Business; and

**WHEREAS:**

In 1973, land was purchased on North Cable Road and the name changed once again to Northwestern Business College and Technical Center (NBC Tech) when the Automotive curriculum was added. In the fall of 1974, Dr. Reed resigned as President and Loren R. Jarvis presided over the graduation of the first class of 23 technical students. In 1975 accreditation was received by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools; and

**WHEREAS:**

The college continued its growth thru the next decade and in 1987 accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission was achieved. In 1990, with 1,200 students enrolled in two divisions (Business and Technologies), 13 associate degree programs, 11 diploma programs and a 40 acre campus, the name changed again to Northwestern College. In 1992, the college added the first program in the world focused on High Performance Motorsports and reorganized as a not-for profit organization; and

**WHEREAS:**

The High Performance Motorsports elevated Northwestern to a level unmatched in the industry and the school became widely respected as the best place in the nation in the automotive and motorsports industry. In 1999, Loren Jarvis became the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees named Dr. Jeffery Jarvis as President. The Higher Learning Commission granted permission for the school to offer 4 year bachelor degrees that same year; and

**WHEREAS:**

In 2000, the name was changed one final time to the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) to reflect its multifaceted degree offerings. The campus has grown to nearly 200 acres, 4 dorm communities, more than 20 buildings for student learning, recreation, and resources including a local race track, the Limaland Motorsports Park. The University also owns and operates the UNOH Event Center and the Ohio State Beauty Academy; and

**WHEREAS:**

UNOH is now home to nearly 4,000 students from all 50 states and 35 countries offering more than 50 programs of study to choose from in 5 different colleges in addition to online and evening course offerings. Multiple surveys now rank UNOH as a top military friendly school, most affordable private college in Ohio and the best automotive school in the country; and

**NOW THEREFORE:**

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim the 15<sup>th</sup> of January as:

**University of Northwestern Ohio Day**

in the City of Lima, Ohio and recognize and commend UNOH on the occasion of its centennial anniversary and for its significant contributions to the City of Lima and the surrounding community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 15th day of January, 2020.

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

