

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Each year in the United States, more than 40,000 babies are born with a congenital heart defect. One of those babies is Juniper Sharp. She was born on 2/20/2019 in Lima Ohio and was quickly diagnosed with Tetralogy of Fallot. Juniper had open heart surgery on 9/18/2019 and she is going to be celebrating her 2nd birthday very soon; and

WHEREAS: The medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths and medical research can provide more identifiable means of the origins and symptoms of congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS: There is no cure for congenital heart defects, and it is a lifelong disease requiring ongoing specialized care; and

WHEREAS: It is crucial that individuals planning a family, fetal clinicians, obstetric physicians, pediatricians, and all those in the medical field have a greater understanding of the potential for congenital heart defects.


NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7-14th, 2021 as:

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS AWARENESS WEEK

in Lima, Ohio, and urge all citizens to educate themselves on how this disease affects many families in our community by reading about patients and their families experiences and learning more about heart defects at "Conquering CHD Ohio" on Facebook.

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 February, 2021.




DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO