



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to values of justice and equality and sought to actualize those values in our society through the practice of nonviolent social change; and

WHEREAS: Dr. King's words and actions spurred similar words and actions on the part of men and women throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: Dr. King admonished us to love, not hate; to seek justice, not revenge; to confront the violence of others with courageous acceptance, not angry violence of our own; and

WHEREAS: The Congress and the President of the United States have established by law a national holiday to commemorate the anniversary of Dr. King's birth starting in the year 1986.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby join with others throughout the nation in proclaiming January 17, 2022 as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in Lima, Ohio, and urge all citizens--young and old; black, white and persons of other ethnic origins; rich and poor--to personally examine our individual attitudes and prejudices and to establish or renew our commitments to equal justice under the law and respect for our fellow human beings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 17th day of January, 2022.



Handwritten signature of Sharetta Smith

SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO