



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

In 1987 President Reagan first recognized March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase public awareness of Americans with developmental disabilities and to provide the encouragement and opportunities they need to lead productive lives to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS: March 2022 marks the 35th anniversary of President Reagan's proclamation and is a time to celebrate individuals with developmental disabilities and their many contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS: Individuals with a developmental disabilities are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social and economic backgrounds and are all valued members of society who find fulfillment living everyday lives; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lima supports the compassionate and devoted efforts to increase independence, employment, and access to services to enable individuals with disabilities to live in family homes or their own homes; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lima thanks the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities and recognizes the continuing need to educate our communities, friends and family members that the movement toward full inclusion in community life for persons with developmental disabilities is a positive and worthy goal.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim March as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to join me in supporting families and individuals as they respond to the challenges of living with a developmental disability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 9th day of March, 2022.

**SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO**

