



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Suffragan Bishop Michael Cooper Sr., is commemorating his 35th Anniversary as Pastor of Greater Christ Temple on August 14th, 2022, his church family, friends, and congregations from all over have proudly come together to help celebrate the services and sacrifices of this outstanding servant of God. We commend him for his steadfast Christian leadership over the years; and

WHEREAS: Under direction of the Holy Spirit, Suffragan Bishop Cooper was installed as Pastor of Greater Christ Temple in 1987, and throughout this time, he has fervently embraced the visions of each of the dynamic trailblazers who preceded him as leaders of this great church over the past several decades; and

WHEREAS: He continues to provide the strong leadership needed to help improve and enrich the Greater Christ Temple Church family, helping them to advance and grow to progressive heights. Under his guidance, the church body has continued to bring improvements to their place of worship, renovating the worship center, classrooms, offices, and the church building; and

WHEREAS: Suffragan Bishop Michael Cooper, Sr., firmly believes that the church must be a "Church-in-Action," and service the community through faith and unwavering love; and

WHEREAS: This dynamic and humble man has demonstrated excellence in his calling as a "Man of God". The members of Greater Christ Temple Church body extend to him and his beautiful wife, First Lady Tobi Cooper, their sincerest love and appreciation. They are proud to call him their "Pastor, Bishop, Leader, and Friend," and join citizens throughout the City of Lima, and beyond in thanking him for all that he has done over the past 35 years and look forward to his continued spiritual guidance in the days ahead.; and

NOW THEREFORE: I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim this 14th Day of August as

Suffragan Bishop Michael Cooper, Sr. Day

in the City of Lima, and urge all residents to join me honoring Suffragan Bishop Michael Cooper, Sr. on his many accomplishments and dedication to the Lima Community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 14th day of August, 2022.

Handwritten signature of Sharetta Smith

SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

