



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

In the City of Lima, in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by Crossroads Crisis Center and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence; and

**WHEREAS:** In just one day, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day. More than 9,000 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and

**WHEREAS:** the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

**WHEREAS:** racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism, and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality, or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and

**WHEREAS:** the need for a safe house continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

**WHEREAS:** Lima joins with others across Ohio and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Lima; and

**WHEREAS:** domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems – each whose “#1Thing” adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Lima and share in the dedication of these books and encourage all citizens to take action to help reduce the incidence of domestic violence in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 1st day of October 2022.



SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO