



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Today with the Sisters in Service Community Foundation in partnership with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The Sigma Mu Omega Chapter, at their 28th Annual Memorial Breakfast, we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who dedicated his life to the values of social justice and opportunity for all and sought to actualize those values in our society through the practice of nonviolent social change; and

WHEREAS: We remember his legacy as an American hero and tireless social activist, who called upon our nation to ensure equal justice under the law; upholding our founding principles which recognize individual rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; 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: Dr. King encouraged Americans to come together, regardless of age, race or creed, to strengthen their communities, alleviate poverty, and value the dignity and respect inherent in all people; 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 16, 2023 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 16th day of January, 2023.

SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO