

*Office of the Mayor*

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

Miss Ebony Miles, a nationally known Gospel Music Ministry, and Entertainment promoter is a local bright light in the world of gospel music. Amongst the first to bring national gospel artists to Lima and surrounding areas, a legacy whose effects remain visible to this day; and

**WHEREAS:** Ebony Miles has promoted Gospel Groups such as The Mighty Clouds of Joy, one of the most influential gospel groups in the United States. Lee Williams, whose songs include Cooling water and Wave My Hand. The Reverend Andrew Cheairs, The Mighty Golden Tones as well as the late great Brother James Wash, Doc Mackenzie, and the Hi Lites who sang My Savior lifted me; and

**WHEREAS:** She was the chairperson for The Touch of Class Christians Club established here in the city of Lima; She is a member of the Tree of Life Baptist Church in Ft. Wayne Indiana, where the Reverend Mozell Davis is Pastor; and

**WHEREAS:** Ebony Miles has hosted and sponsored many social events boosting the Christian ministry for the residents of Lima along with promoting and supporting all Lima groups and pastors; and

**WHEREAS:** Ebony Miles also owned A Touch of Class Catering for over 40 years, and is a lifelong foster parent.

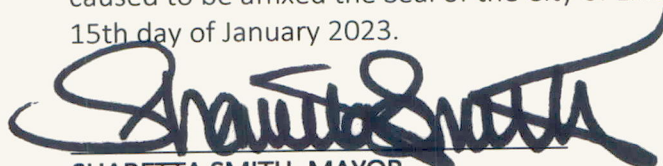
**WHEREAS:** The City of Lima is proud to honor Ebony Miles for her selfless work as well as for being an excellent role model and leader in the community, inspiring everyone with her positive attitude.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as

**Ebony Miles Day**

in Lima, Ohio, in recognition of her 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 15th day of January 2023.



SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

