

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity and experiences this individual brought to all; and

WHEREAS: James Edward Wash was born on April 23rd, 1932 in Forest, Mississippi to James Evans Wash and Susie Wash and married Loraine Jones on October 24th, 1992 who has preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS: James was a dedicated father to his 14 children, 3 sons, Orlando, Bruce, and Anthony and 11 daughters Debra, Veronda, Joyce, Joanne, Karen, Jackie, Lorelita, Rosalind, Yvonne, Tuneeka and Linda; and

WHEREAS: James was a Machine Operator at Ford Motor Company for over 30 years and also owned his own asphaltting business called "We Care Asphaltting"; and

WHEREAS: Through his selfless compassion for others, he became a pillar in the community, helping several Churches in the community to grow and who continues to be a model and inspiration to his family and to those who knew him; and

WHEREAS: James Wash formed many groups but his most prized group was with his children called the Wash Singers; and

WHEREAS: James Wash was known in the community of Lima, Ohio and cities abroad for his ministry in music and was known as a one man band at times and was very strict when it came to teaching music and singing.

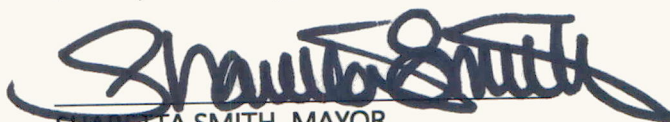
NOW THEREFORE:

I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim January 3rd, 2023, as

James Edward Wash Memorial Day

in Lima, Ohio, in recognition to the honor and memory of James Edward Wash of his accomplishments and impact on 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 3rd day of January, 2023.



SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

