

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Joe Henderson was an American Jazz Tenor Saxophonist with a career encompassing more than 40 years, Henderson played with many of the leading American players of his day and recorded for several prominent labels; and

WHEREAS: Born April 24th, 1937 in Lima, Ohio, Henderson was encouraged by his parents, family, and music educators to play music; and

WHEREAS: Joe Henderson studied music at Kentucky State College and Wayne State University and then enlisted in the U.S Army to lead several small Jazz groups. While there, he won music competitions that sent him on a tour around the world performing for the troops; and

WHEREAS: Henderson played with all the jazz greats in his career, including Louis Hayes, Freddie Hubbard, Billy Strayhorn, Miles Davis, Antonio Carter and Herbie Hancock; and

WHEREAS: He won multiple awards including 4 Grammy Awards and in 1999 was named a Jazz Master by National Endowment of the Arts. He was also inducted into the Lima City Schools Distinguished Hall of Fame in 1993; and


WHEREAS: Over a forty-year career his passionate ballads, rich tone and strong sense of rhythm, and fiery solos influenced scores of tenor saxophonists and changed the world of jazz.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim April 27th, 2023, as

Joe Henderson Day

in Lima, Ohio, in recognition of all his accomplishments in the music industry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 27th day of April, 2023.



SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

