



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

More than 122,000 men, women, and children are currently awaiting a life-saving organ transplant in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 22 times each day a person dies for lack of an available organ; and

WHEREAS: Ohio has approximately 3,200 people awaiting an organ transplant at any one time; and

WHEREAS: The Biennial Transplant Games of America aim to raise awareness for the life-altering benefits brought through the transplantation of organs, tissue and corneas; and

WHEREAS: Transplantation saves and improves thousands of lives each year; and

WHEREAS: A single donor can potentially save the lives of eight people through organ donation by donating their heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, kidneys and small intestine, and enhance the lives of more than 50 others through donations of tissue, corneas, veins, heart valves, fascia, bone skins, tendons, ligaments and nerves; and

WHEREAS: Lifeline Ohio is the designated organ procurement organization dedicated to promoting and coordinating the donation of organs and tissue for transplantation in this area; and

WHEREAS: More than 5.3 million Ohioans have made the important decision to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor in the Ohio Donor Registry.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim February 16, 2016 as

TORCH RUN FOR LIFE DAY

in the City of Lima, Ohio in recognition and support of the Transplant Games of America being held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 10-15, 2016 and I encourage all citizens to consider sharing the Gift of Life through organ, eye and tissue donations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 10th day of February 2016.



Handwritten signature of David J. Berger

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO