



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS: This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS: Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS: Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS: Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community; and

WHEREAS: Because trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, the Lima Urban Forest Council promotes tree planting in memory of those gone before us; and

WHEREAS: Lima, Ohio has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW THEREFORE: I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as

ARBOR DAY

in Lima, Ohio, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, to support our city's community forestry program, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 13th day of April 2016.



Handwritten signature of David J. Berger

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO