



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, better known as Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869 in Porbandar, India; and

WHEREAS:

Gandhi inspired human rights movements around the world with his philosophy of passive non-violence resistance, *Satyagraha*, to achieve political and social progress, seek truth in a spirit of peace and love, and remain firm and resilient in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS:

On October 2nd each year, Gandhi is remembered with a national holiday in India and around the world with the International Day of Non-Violence, established in 2007 by the United Nations General Assembly; and

WHEREAS:

Gandhi began his activism as an Indian Immigrant in South Africa in the early 1900's, and in the years following World War I became the leading figure in India's struggle to gain independence from Great Britain; and

WHEREAS:

Gandhi was imprisoned several times during his pursuit of peaceful non-cooperation, and undertook a number of hunger strikes to protest the oppression of India's poorest classes, among other injustices; and

WHEREAS:

Gandhi's vision of community service, hope, unconditional love, compassion and non-violent action is needed in our times as never before.

NOW THEREFORE:

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim October 2nd as

MAHATMA GANDHI DAY and INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE

in the City of Lima, Ohio and encourage all citizens to learn and to practice his teachings of tolerance and understanding and taking peaceful and positive action to bring about social change.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 2nd day of October, 2020.



DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO