



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

The Roll of Valor exhibit in the Allen County Museum was dedicated 10 years ago today; and

**WHEREAS:** Allen County has two Medal of Honor recipients from World War II, PFC Leonard F. Mason and Lt. William E. Metzger Jr.; and

**WHEREAS:** PFC Mason was 24 years old when he single handedly cleared out an enemy machine gun nest blocking the way of his platoon in Guam and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor; and

**WHEREAS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Metzger was 22 years old when the plane he co-piloted sustained serious damage during a mission resulting in him giving a parachute to an injured crewman and remaining on board to assist the pilot. He was killed in the explosion before landing. Lt. Metzger was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor; and


**WHEREAS:** These examples of valor and commitment to the Greater Good demonstrated by these two local heroes served as inspiration to the citizens of Lima, Allen County Ohio. Remembering the sacrifices of all 3,508 Medal of Honor recipients is necessary conveying to present and future generations the cost of freedom and the duty of each citizen to care for the safety of every other citizen; and

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as

### Mason-Metzger Roll of Valor Day

in Lima, Ohio, in recognition of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lima Allen County Roll of Valor exhibit and urge each citizen to reflect on the great sacrifices made for our freedom.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 16th day of April 2021.

  
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DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

