



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Neotha Paden was born on February 8th, 1929 and moved to Lima, Ohio in 1944 from Jenkin, Georgia, by herself, to help care for her aging aunt; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Paden, in order to support herself, worked many domestic jobs and was the first of her siblings to make the move to Ohio, but she was not the last; and

WHEREAS: Over the years, several of her relatives have decided to relocate from Georgia to Ohio, due to the success that Ms. Paden has achieved; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Paden's most outstanding achievement in life was becoming a landowner. She successfully purchased and rented out properties for several years in the Lima Community.

WHEREAS: With the money that she made from being a landlord, she was able to buy a home for her mother in Georgia. Ms. Paden takes pride in being able to send money to her mother and siblings.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim April 27th, 2022 as

Neotha Paden Day

in the City of Lima, Ohio and ask all citizens to acknowledge that Ms. Paden is a source of inspiration and motivation to all that know her. As her Birthday Celebration nears, please help me in wishing Ms. Paden a truly Happy Birthday.

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, 2022.

**SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO**

