

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

America's young people carry the possibilities of our country and the sacred promise of a democracy where every one of us is treated equally, empowered and are united; and

### WHEREAS:

We have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members, and citizens to recognize that all children deserve to live and grow to fulfill their greatest potential; and

### WHEREAS:

Youth Empowerment helps young people in involve themselves in the things that are happening in the community. Empowerment in our youth creates a positive sense of self, foundation for decision making skills, and pro-social connectedness; and

### WHEREAS:

Across the world, young people face gender-based discrimination, marginalization and violence, including unequal access to education and opportunities for leadership and participation.

### WHEREAS:

As a community we should empower our youths in achieving their dreams and to strive to make a better world for us all.

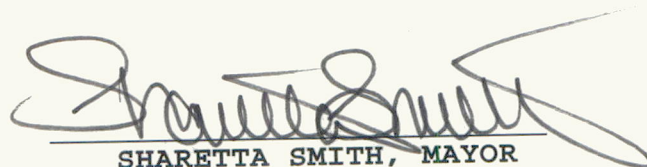
**NOW THEREFORE:** I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim June 16<sup>th</sup> as

### Youth Empowerment Day

in Lima, Ohio and ask that all adults in our metropolitan community express in word and deed our faith in the ability of today's youth as they prepare for and assume responsible roles in our society.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.



  
SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO