



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## Whereas:

The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims--six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

- WHEREAS:** The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- WHEREAS:** Lima citizens should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and
- WHEREAS:** Lima residents should actively rededicate themselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and
- WHEREAS:** The Days of Remembrance have been set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to reflect on the need for respect for all peoples; and
- WHEREAS:** Pursuant to an Act of Congress the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 including the Day of Remembrance known as *Yom Hashoah*, April 21.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, April 26, 2009 as

### DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further ask that Lima residents strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 26th day of March 2009.

DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

