

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

Hunger and poverty remain pressing challenges across our nation, throughout Ohio, and for many families here in the City of Lima. During September, the West Ohio Food Bank, along with its many agencies, churches, food pantries, schools, large and small business supporters, and all of the communities within the food bank’s 11-county coverage area, will come together in efforts to bring an end to hunger; and

WHEREAS: Food insecurity in America has reached its highest rate in over a decade, reaching over 47 million people who are facing hunger. Those numbers also include 14 million children affected by hunger; and

WHEREAS: With the largest cuts to SNAP and Medicaid benefits in history now signed into law, access to food and healthcare will become further out of reach for millions of citizens. Hunger in America is a crisis, but together, we can meet this moment; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lima will commit to working with the West Ohio Food Bank, as they strive to meet their mission statement of nourishing, educating, and advocating for our hungry neighbors who are facing food insecurity issues; and

WHEREAS: The month of September is designated by Feeding America as “Hunger Action Month”, in order to bring to light the issue of hunger, and to ask our communities to join this national movement by taking action, whether it be by volunteering, social media message sharing, contributions, or donating non-perishable food items or financial donations; and

WHEREAS: This 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025 is designated during Hunger Action Month as “Hunger Action Day”, and we ask citizens to show their support by wearing orange, the color of hunger awareness; and

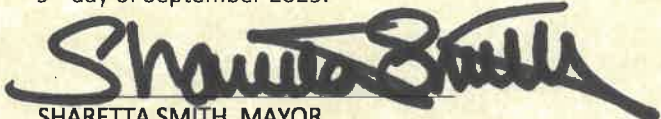
WHEREAS: Food banks, pantries, shelters, churches, schools, medical providers, and agencies of the West Ohio Food Bank will host events throughout the month of September, to bring awareness, and to continue to keep working to end hunger in our communities

NOW THEREFORE: I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

in Lima, Ohio, and encourage all citizens to join in this important effort by raising awareness, volunteering their time, supporting local food banks, and standing in solidarity with our neighbors facing hunger.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

  
SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR  
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

