

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

More than 43 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level, while 62.7 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS: Every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and

WHEREAS: American Action Forum estimates that America is short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels; and

WHEREAS: Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for career and college; and

WHEREAS: Adult Education programs in high schools and adult schools, community colleges and community centers offer low-cost, high-value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lima celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals; and

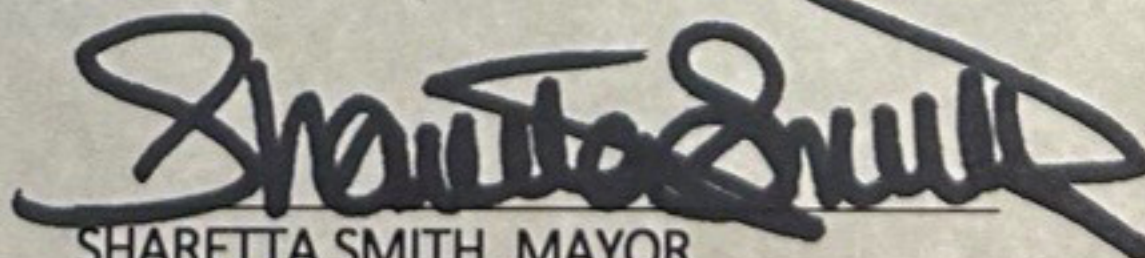
WHEREAS: National GED Day is celebrated at the beginning of this week on September 16th each year to recognize the more than 20 million GED graduates since 1942, and encourage students to continue in their learning journey.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Sharetta Smith, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, do hereby proclaim September 16th through the 20th, 2024, as

National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

in Lima, Ohio, and encourage all citizens to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all adult learners, educators and everyone supporting them through their educational journey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 11th day of September 2024.



SHARETTA SMITH, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO

