

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION



November 21, 2019

DECLARING DECEMBER "BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR MONTH" IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, "Be a Santa to a Senior" is a national campaign sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care that partners with area retailers, along with agencies that serve older adults, that is designed to bring cheer to lonely and needy seniors by providing gifts and companionship. This December marks the 16th year of this popular holiday campaign, that has delivered more than 6,000 gifts to local senior citizens and more than 1,200,000 nationwide; and

WHEREAS, to participate, holiday shoppers are invited to pick an ornament inscribed with the first name of the recipient from Christmas trees located at participating merchants and organizations in Lake County. Many of the elderly identified to receive gifts and companionship are on fixed incomes who request merely simple personal care supplies and some may receive no other gifts during the season. Holiday shoppers are encouraged to pick an ornament, buy items on the list and return them unwrapped to the store, along with the ornament attached. Volunteers will be collect, wrap and distribute the gifts in mid-December. The "Be a Santa to a Senior Program" offers participants the rewards of granting the humble wishes of these valued members of our community and making a positive impact on their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, proclaims December

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and urges citizens to share the joys and glad tidings of the holidays with the many seniors who may not be surrounded by the comforts of home, family or friends this year. The Board commends all agencies, retailers and volunteers for their generosity and dedication to spreading the spirit of the season to the cherished senior citizens of Lake County through this charitable program.


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