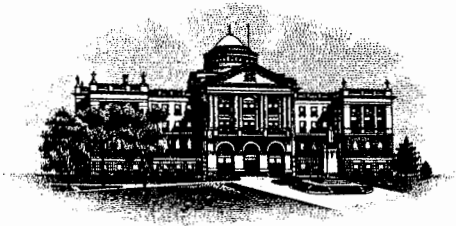


County of Lucas



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** The Pilgrims brought the township form of government to America in 1620. This unit of local government eventually spread as far west as the Rocky Mountains. It is found today in twenty-two states; and
- WHEREAS,** In Ohio, the township predates our state government. As the Ohio Territory became populated, it was only natural that the surveyed townships should become the basic unit of local government; and
- WHEREAS,** The Ohio Township Association, founded in 1928, is a statewide organization dedicated to promoting township government, helping township officials better understand their duties and responsibilities, and keeping state and federal lawmakers aware of the needs of township government; and
- WHEREAS,** There are 1,308 townships in Ohio and 5,232 elected township officials. The Ohio Township Association has over 10,000 active and associate members statewide, including trustees, fiscal officers, township road superintendents, police/fire chiefs, administrators, other township staff, and county elected officials; and
- WHEREAS,** Today, township officials are providing an increasingly broad range of services in response to the needs of their local communities; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio does hereby declare **FEBRUARY 1, 2006, as TOWNSHIP DAY in Lucas County.** Since Townships are the form of government that is closest to its residents, we encourage residents to attend township meetings and get to know your township trustees.

Ann Sheldon
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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