

Proclamation

18TH ANNUAL "GIVE FROM THE HEART BLOOD DRIVE" AT EXECUTIVE CATERERS AT LANDERHAVEN

Whereas: there is a constant need in northern Ohio and throughout the country for blood donation; and

Whereas, since the 1950's, the American Red Cross has acted as the steward of our nation's blood supply and continues to be the largest collector, processor, tester and distributor of blood in the United States; and

Whereas, on average, the Red Cross must collect about 15,000 pints of blood every day to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country. In Northern Ohio, 1,200 blood donations are needed every day to support blood transfusions at 80 local hospitals; and

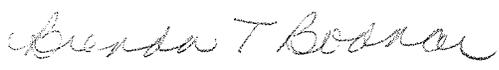
Whereas, a total of 30 million blood components are transfused each year in the United States; and

Whereas, only about 38 percent of the population is eligible to give blood and, of those, only a small percentage donates on a regular basis; and

Whereas, for the past 18 years, the "Give from the Heart Blood Drive" sponsored by the American Red Cross has touched the lives of over 34,000 patients in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar, am pleased to recognize the Northern Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross for its efforts to organize the 18th annual "Give from the Heart Blood Drive" on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, and for its on-going dedication to saving lives in our community.

Signed this 9th day of February 2016.


Brenda T. Bodnar, Mayor, Mayfield Village