PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS: this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS: Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS: trees reduce storm water runoff, clean the water and air, and provide wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS: research has proven that communities with a healthy tree canopy have citizens that are healthier, safer and have students who are better able to concentrate; and

WHEREAS: trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 23, 2015 as

ARBOR DAY

in Terre Haute, Indiana, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well being of this and future generations.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

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