PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: violence against women and children continues as a social problem; and

WHEREAS: the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cross all economic, racial, and social barriers; and

WHEREAS: the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity through systematic use of control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS: the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS: battered women have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in remembrance of those who have been killed by abusive partners. I urge all citizens to actively support the activities and programs sponsored by the Council on Domestic Abuse and to work toward the elimination of domestic violence and abuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2014.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

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