PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the City of Terre Haute is defined by the diversity of its people and all their contributions to the City's vibrant and dynamic character; and

WHEREAS the City is dedicated to providing all its residents equal housing opportunities through the elimination of illegal housing discrimination and predatory lending; and

WHEREAS this is the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended and strengthened in 1988; Title VIII of which guarantees the right to be free from housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability (including AIDS/HIV); and

WHEREAS the State of Indiana's Fair Employment and Housing Act and the Civil Rights Act also protect Indiana residents from housing discrimination based on ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, age, and other arbitrary bases; and

WHEREAS the Human Relations Commission provides the City a fair housing program to investigate and remedy illegal housing discrimination and to counsel and educate housing consumers and providers alike; and

WHEREAS the work of the Human Relations Commission remains vital because of discrimination in the sale, rental, citing, advertising, and financing of housing, including predatory lending; and

WHEREAS the City Terre Haute, Indiana recognizes the continued need for a strong program to further fair housing and enforce the rights of residents to live free from housing discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, on behalf of its residents, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as "Fair Housing Month" and encourage all citizens and community organizations to celebrate the value of harmonious and diverse communities of neighbors, and support the goal of equal housing opportunity for all people.

Duke A Bennett

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

April 1, 2014
Date

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