PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Older Americans Month is observed nationally each May to celebrate the accomplishments of our older citizens and to express our gratitude for the contributions they have made, and continue to make to our communities; and

WHEREAS: Terre Haute is home to over 10,000 older adults and they are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS: frauds and scams of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors, and an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS: combating frauds and scams of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this country and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Terre Haute; and

WHEREAS: senior citizens must be made aware of the dangers of fraud and scam crimes and how they can protect themselves from becoming victims; and

WHEREAS: effective crime prevention programs excel because of partnerships among law enforcement, other government agencies, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals as they help nurture communal responsibility and instill pride; and

WHEREAS: I encourage all Americans to honor their seniors and furthermore commend all those who work on behalf of protecting our community's seniors.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2014 as

SAFE (SCAM AND FRAUD EDUCATION) AWARENESS DAY FOR SENIORS

and encourage all of Terre Haute, Indiana ,to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Terre Haute's seniors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 20th day of May, 2014.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

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