



## PROCLAMATION

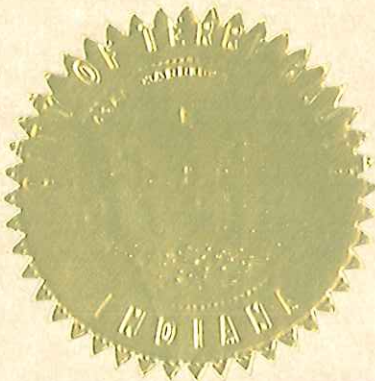
- WHEREAS: the month of March, 2021, has been designated as "Disability Awareness Month" to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities by the Governor of the State of Indiana; and
- WHEREAS: disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and fully experience the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and
- WHEREAS: family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, especially when the family and community are provided with the necessary support services; and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and
- WHEREAS: the goals of the City of Terre Haute and the State of Indiana properly include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes and communities where such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, State and Nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2021 as

### DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

and call upon all citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; furthermore, I encourage the citizens of Terre Haute to seek counsel and input from any person or group with knowledge and expertise in matters concerning disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.



  
Duke A Bennett, Mayor

