



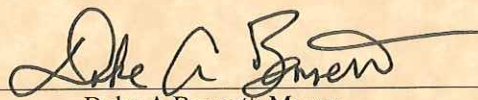
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Indiana is celebrating its bicentennial and the signature event is a 92-county torch relay; and
- WHEREAS: the purpose of the relay is designed to inspire and unify Hoosiers as one; and
- WHEREAS: starting in Corydon, the state's first capital, on September 9, 2016, Hoosiers will symbolically "pass the torch" connecting generations to ignite our future; and
- WHEREAS: the torch will cover 3, 200 miles, in 37 days, cover 260 cities and towns, including: 17 state and national parks, 9 lakes and rivers, 27 national, state and local sites of historic significance, and 22 colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS: the relay will employ modes of conveyance that are symbolic of the history and heritage of Indiana, including watercraft, farm equipment, a racecar, horse and wagon, antique automobile, and others; and
- WHEREAS: torchbearers were nominated by the public and selected by local committees on a county-by-county basis; and
- WHEREAS: many counties are holding special events and ceremonies to commemorate this historic event; and
- WHEREAS: The Bicentennial Experience, a mobile history exhibit showcasing Indiana's far reaching influence, will make stops along the relay route; and
- WHEREAS: the relay will culminate in Indianapolis on the Statehouse Grounds, with a special "Hoosier Homecoming" ceremony on October 15, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Duke A Bennett, do hereby proclaim September 8 - October 15, 2016 as a time for all citizens of Terre Haute to rejoice in Indiana's 200 years of statehood through the Bicentennial Torch Relay.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 21st day of September, 2016.




Duke A Bennett, Mayor

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