

WHEREAS: the week of September 13, 2020, has been designated as "National Direct Support

Professional Recognition Week" in order to celebrate and recognize professionals who

provide support to millions of individuals with intellectual and developmental

disabilities; and

WHEREAS: this celebration recognizes the dedication and vital role of direct support professionals in

enhancing the lives and protecting the well-being of individuals with disabilities of all

ages; and

WHEREAS: the community plays a role in lifting up direct support professionals as integral in

supporting the needs of people with disabilities and their families through service systems

across the United States; and

WHEREAS: the goals of this city properly give recognition to those who directly help people with

disabilities gain full access to housing, employment and the recreation activities which

help create productive and satisfying lives, and to live as independently as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim the week of September 13, 2020 as:

## Direct Support Professional Recognition Week

in the City of Terre Haute, and call upon the citizens of Terre Haute to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities. Furthermore, I encourage the citizens of Terre Haute to seek information from those organizations with expertise in matters concerning professionals who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and confirmed this proclamation with the great seal of the City of Terre Haute, at the Mayor's Office, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Mayor Duke A Bennett

