

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: adults and children with disabilities comprise nearly one in five people in the State of Indiana; and
- WHEREAS: people with disabilities should have opportunities to fulfill a range of social roles, and to assert their rights and responsibilities as citizens; and
- WHEREAS: in order to increase awareness, promote independence, integration and inclusion of all people with disabilities, the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities established the month of March as Disabilities Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS: Disability Awareness Month now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year has selected the theme for the 2022 observance. "People, Not Punchlines" --a call to all Hoosiers to recognize the potential in everyone, to learn to value and appreciate the contributions that people with disabilities make to our society and consider how we can learn from them; and
- WHEREAS: the Disability Awareness Work Group (DAWG) for the seventh time is recognizing nominees for their contributions to this cause.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

## **DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH**

in Terre Haute Indiana and we celebrate and support the goals and ideals of the DISABILITY AWARENESS WORK GROUP.

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, 2022.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor