



## PROCLAMATION

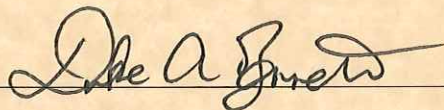
- WHEREAS: violence against women and children continues as a social problem; and
- WHEREAS: the problems of domestic violence transcend economic status, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity; and
- WHEREAS: the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity through systematic use of control and/or abuse; and
- WHEREAS: the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting families and society as a whole; and
- WHEREAS: victims of domestic violence have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in remembrance of those who have been killed by abusive partners. I urge all citizens to actively support the activities and programs sponsored by the Council on Domestic Abuse and to work toward the prevention and elimination of domestic violence and abuse.

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 October, 2016.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor

