



## PROCLAMATION

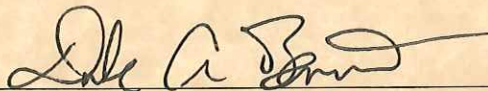
- WHEREAS: Indiana's agribusiness employs 40,000 year-round, seasonal, and migrant farm workers, who are key partners for the safety, security and sustainability of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS: the labor of Indiana's farm workers contributes billions of dollars annually to the state's economy and agriculture continues to be one of the principal industries in the state; and
- WHEREAS: the National Farm Worker Jobs Program provides funding to Proteus, Inc. to assist migrant and seasonal farm workers and their dependents attain greater economic stability; and
- WHEREAS: the program partners with community organizations and state agencies to counter chronic unemployment and underemployment experienced by farm workers who depend primarily on agricultural labor performed across the country; and
- WHEREAS: March 31 is the birthday of Cesar Chavez, whose dedication to nonviolent organizing for wages, safe labor conditions, and dignity for women, men, and children who toil in the fields, moved him to lead a nationwide, peaceful struggle for farm worker justice that continues today.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim the week of March 24-March 30, 2019 as

### FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK

and further recognizes March 31, 2019 as Cesar Chavez Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor

