



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: the City of Terre Haute is situated in Vigo County; and
- WHEREAS: Indiana's agribusiness employs over 65,000 year-round, seasonal, and migrant farm workers, many of whom live and work in and around the City of Terre Haute, and 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 surrounding counties; and
- WHEREAS: the City of Terre Haute and Vigo County areas honor all those who plant, cultivate, harvest and process our agricultural products; and
- WHEREAS: March 31<sup>st</sup> is the birthday of Cesar Chavez, whose dedication to non-violent organizing for just wages, safe labor conditions, and dignity for the 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 26-April 2, 2016 as

### FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK

and further recognizes March 31, 2016 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2016.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor