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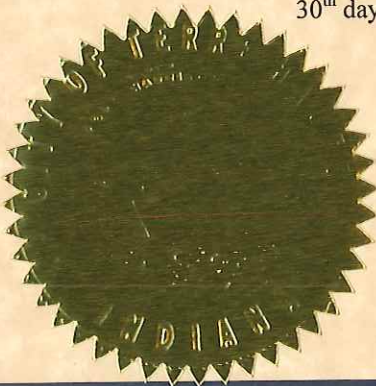
- WHEREAS: Helping Hands for Freedom, a 501c3 organization, was founded in 2011 by Patrick Shannon, who has received the Purple Heart twice and a Bronze Star for his wounds and heroism in Iraq, and Rodney Smith, a former college and NFL standout who has experience with non profits; and
- WHEREAS: while at Walter Reed Medical Hospital recovering from wounds sustained during combat, Staff Sgt. Shannon heard stories from various soldiers who expressed concern about their family and the realities of keeping their house and the struggle of recovering while family members were at home; these stories struck a chord with Shannon, and he left a position with the Wounded Warrior Project to co-found Helping Hands for Freedom; and
- WHEREAS: the mission of Helping Hands for Freedom is one of supporting military families dealing with death, deployment and loss, assisting Gold Star families, which are those surviving family members of a fallen soldier, along with veterans who suffer from PTSD, providing various programs for children of military personnel and aiding with emergency assistance to military families; and
- WHEREAS: in April, Helping Hands for Freedom will begin its mission of Route for The Brave, a 3,091 mile walk across America, along U.S. 40 to raise funds for military families and the construction of a Gold Star retreat home equipped with a PTSD center; Helping Hands for Freedom Chairman of the Board, David Roth and Kevin Winton, a Beech Grove Middle School math teacher, will walk every mile.

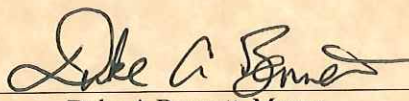
NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 30, 2016 as

HELPING HANDS FOR FREEDOM DAY

in Terre Haute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 30th day of May, 2016.




Duke A Bennett, Mayor