



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas: the well-being of our youth is the focus of our community; and
- Whereas: education for good mental health builds a foundation for our children to open up and fight for what they believe in; and
- Whereas: their voices will be the power to erase the stigma, their words will make a difference; and
- Whereas: the fire that drives them will lead them in their fight for mental health awareness; and
- Whereas: we as a community will support them with the same powerful message to take back their lives against any challenges from which they struggle; and
- Whereas: the influence of our youth will have a powerful positive impact on the lives of others by doing so; and
- Whereas: we have a responsibility as a community to encourage them; to tell them: "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and more loved than you know"; and
- Whereas: we have the responsibility to answer their question- Can you hear my voice this time? With a resounding yes! We hear your voice, your need and we see your power to make a difference. We say to you-you are not alone.

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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

in Terre Haute, and I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Terre Haute, Vigo County and the Wabash Valley to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health needs of our children and youth, the steps they need to take to protect their mental health and the need for appropriate services for all people with mental health conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 6th day of May, 2016.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor