



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: November was first declared National Adoption Month by Presidential proclamation in 1995; and

WHEREAS: National Adoption Month promotes awareness for those in foster care who need permanent families; and

WHEREAS: an estimated 100,000 children in the United States are in foster care and are waiting for the security and love of a permanent home; and

WHEREAS: children who are in foster care enter the system through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS: while reunification with the child's family is the goal, due to the safety and well-being of the child, reunification isn't always possible and that child needs a permanent home; and

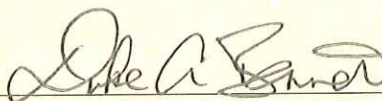
WHEREAS: recognizing November as National Adoption Month can be an opportunity to recognize adoptive families who have given a child a safe, permanent and loving home.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim November, 2020 as

## NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

in Terre Haute, Indiana, and we celebrate and support the goals and ideals of the National National Adoption Month.

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 November, 2020.



Duke A Bennett, Mayor

