



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: every child is born into this world with limitless possibilities and we must ensure all of them have the support they need to realize their enormous potential; and
- WHEREAS: each child deserves to be cared for, cherished and kept safe from harm, but tragically, abuse and neglect erode this promise for hundreds of our daughters and sons each year; and
- WHEREAS: this month we celebrate the love and courage it takes to raise a child, and we reaffirm the fundamental human rights of all children to live free from violence and abuse; and we rededicate ourselves to ending the cycle of harm that too many boys and girls face; and
- WHEREAS: a strong, stable family is the best foundation for a promising childhood, and when parents and caregivers have support from loved ones, friends and their community, they are more likely to provide safe and healthy environments for children; and
- WHEREAS: it is important for all to recognize the signs of child neglect and physical, sexual and emotional abuse, including sudden changes in behavior or school performance and untreated physical or medical issues; and
- WHEREAS: reporting any child abuse and neglect concerns to the Child Abuse Hotline could protect a child and connect a family with the help they need and the Hotline number is (800)800.5556.

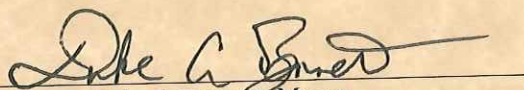
NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim April, 2016 as

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Terre Haute, and we renew our commitment to protect the safety and well-being of every child, and WE resolve to continue the hard work of raising a generation that can dream bigger and reach higher than ever before.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 2016.




Duke A Bennett, Mayor