



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the Social Work profession is dedicated to enhancing well-being and helping meet the basic needs of all people, especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS: this year's Social Work Month theme, "**Elevate Social Work**" embodies the need to recognize the extraordinary contributions of the profession to our society; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers elevate and empower people, giving them the ability to solve problems, cope with personal roadblocks and get the resources they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers travel across the nation and world to help people in crisis, helping them overcome issues such as death and grief, epidemics, environmental pollution and natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, and floods; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers for decades have been in the forefront on social justice, pushing for equal rights for women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers stand ready to help our society overcome current pressing issues, including equal rights for all, the need for improved availability of health care and mental health services; immigration reform, voting rights and the environmental impact of global warming.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition that of the numerous contributions made by Social Workers, I, Duke A Bennett, proclaim the month of March 2019 as

NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

and call upon all citizens to join with the **National Association of Social Workers** in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 14th day of March, 2019.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

