

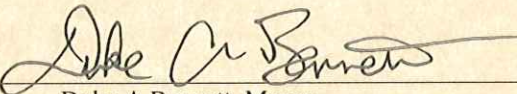


PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Terre Haute, Indiana is committed to supporting competitive, integrated employment for all working age citizens with disabilities, regardless of level of disability; and
- WHEREAS: according to Indiana law, the provision of employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities within the general workforce is the first and preferred outcome when providing publicly funded services and supports to workers with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: the workforce participation rate of individuals with disabilities is roughly one-third that of the general population; and
- WHEREAS: working age adults with disabilities live below the poverty line at over twice the rate of the general population; and
- WHEREAS: research indicates the value of collaboration between the public and private sectors and its ability to improve employment outcomes of persons with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: Indiana and the city of Terre Haute recognizes and values the roles and advocacy of people with disabilities, family members, service providers, and other stakeholders in achieving positive employment outcomes and full community engagement for citizens with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: the city of Terre Haute has a commitment to hire qualified applicants with disabilities for available job positions.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim Terre Haute, Indiana to be a Model Employer for Individuals with Disabilities, and that competitive employment in the community will be the first and preferred option for all working age people with disabilities.

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 October, 2020.


Duke A Bennett, Mayor

