

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS:	June 4, 2022 marks the inaugural Pride Festival in Terre Haute, and the City of Terre Haute recognizes and proclaims the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month; and
WHEREAS:	the event, hosted by the Pride Center of Terre Haute, celebrates and recognizes the dignity, worth, and contributions of the many members of the LGBTQ+ community in Terre Haute; and
WHEREAS:	Terre Haute Pride will be a safe, fun, respectful, and celebratory event for all residents of Terre Haute; and
WHEREAS:	the month of June was designated Pride Month by Joe Biden to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall Riots and are generally recognized as the catalyst for the LGBTQ+ liberation movement; and
WHEREAS:	Terre Haute Pride follows a long tradition of Pride events across the county since 1970 with the first Pride parade held in New York City; and
WHEREAS:	celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Terre Haute's LGBTQ+ community and is an opportunity to take action, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances, advance equal rights, and eliminate prejudice; and
WHEREAS:	today's event reminds all of us that we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who deserve to live freely and authentically. We hope today's event will lay the foundation for a more just and equitable community.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as

## TERRE HAUTE PRIDE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

Dike A Bennett, Mayor

