



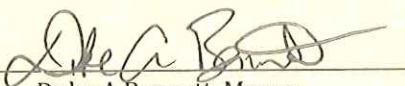
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: *Turn to the River* is a multi-year project of Art Spaces to reconnect downtown Terre Haute with the Wabash River through public art and design; and
- WHEREAS: From 2012-2014, Art Spaces conducted the Planning Phase for *Turn to the River*, which engaged dozens of community stakeholders in the visioning process and generated an Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts; and
- WHEREAS: In 2013, Art Spaces with two community partners initiated the *2013 Year of the River*, a year-long multi-county initiative that involved river-related events by more than 90 different groups and organizations in the Wabash Valley; and
- WHEREAS: From 2015-2016, Art Spaces executed multiple events to gather public input to conceptualize and design public use of the 4-square block area containing City Hall and the Vigo County Courthouse; and
- WHEREAS: In 2017, the National Endowment for the Arts recommended Art Spaces for a second Our Town grant for the Design Development Phase and support was announced from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation through the Wabash River Regional Development Authority; and
- WHEREAS: From 2018-2019, Design Development for the central area was conducted by Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group resulting in a Merit Award from the Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects; and
- WHEREAS: In 2020, artist Brad J. Goldberg of Dallas, Texas was selected through a national search to design and fabricate a sculpture for the central civic plaza; and
- WHEREAS: TODAY – we come together to celebrate *Turn to the River* and the dedicated and passionate work of Art Spaces Executive Director, Mary Kramer, who has led these efforts from the beginning to this construction phase for the “Celebration Space” which will transform this campus into a public space with new walkways, seating, landscaping, and trees to be enjoyed by all citizenries.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 23, 2021, in Terre Haute, IN as

TURN TO THE RIVER DAY

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 2021.


Duke A Bennett, Mayor

