



WHEREAS: Visiting Nurse Association began providing healthcare at home to the citizens of Terre Haute on October 1, 1916 as the fourth home healthcare agency to begin operation in the state of Indiana; and

WHEREAS: Miss Lillian Rose, president of the Vigo County Graduate Nurses Association, and a nurse for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Policyholders, was the first employee of Visiting Nurse Association to begin home health work in the Wabash Valley; and

WHEREAS: the following information has been extracted from a letter written in 1916 that was sent to each physician in Terre Haute and was later published in the *American Journal of Nursing*, Vol. 17.1, 1917:

“Our purpose, first, is to give skilled nursing care to the sick in their homes: second is to teach personal hygiene, cleanliness and the prevention of disease. The work is not intended in any way to substitute the work of the physician. **The poor will be our first consideration, second will be the middle class...**”; and

WHEREAS: Visiting Nurse Association has preserved and adapted through the ever-changing world of healthcare and forward thinking leadership with a community-based Board of Director's support and encouragement; and

WHEREAS: since 2006, VNA has been located on the Union Hospital Campus at 400 Eighth Ave and has completed expansion of office space to meet the needs of our growing business; and

WHEREAS: today, our staff collaborates with physicians and hospitals, not only in Terre Haute and the Wabash Valley, but around the state. Staff are experts at complex wound care, rehabilitation techniques, medication management, and teaching activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS: today, Visiting Nurse Association remains the only not-for-profit home health agency serving five counties in the Wabash Valley; and

WHEREAS: with this 100th anniversary, Visiting Nurse Association celebrates being a vital part of the Wabash Valley's healthcare network. Our commitment remains the same, to provide the best in home health care in our community...our passion, our promise, our privilege.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim September 15th, 2016 as

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION DAY

and I ask all citizens to join me in honoring and congratulating Visiting Nurse Association on its 100th anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 15th Day of September 2016

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

